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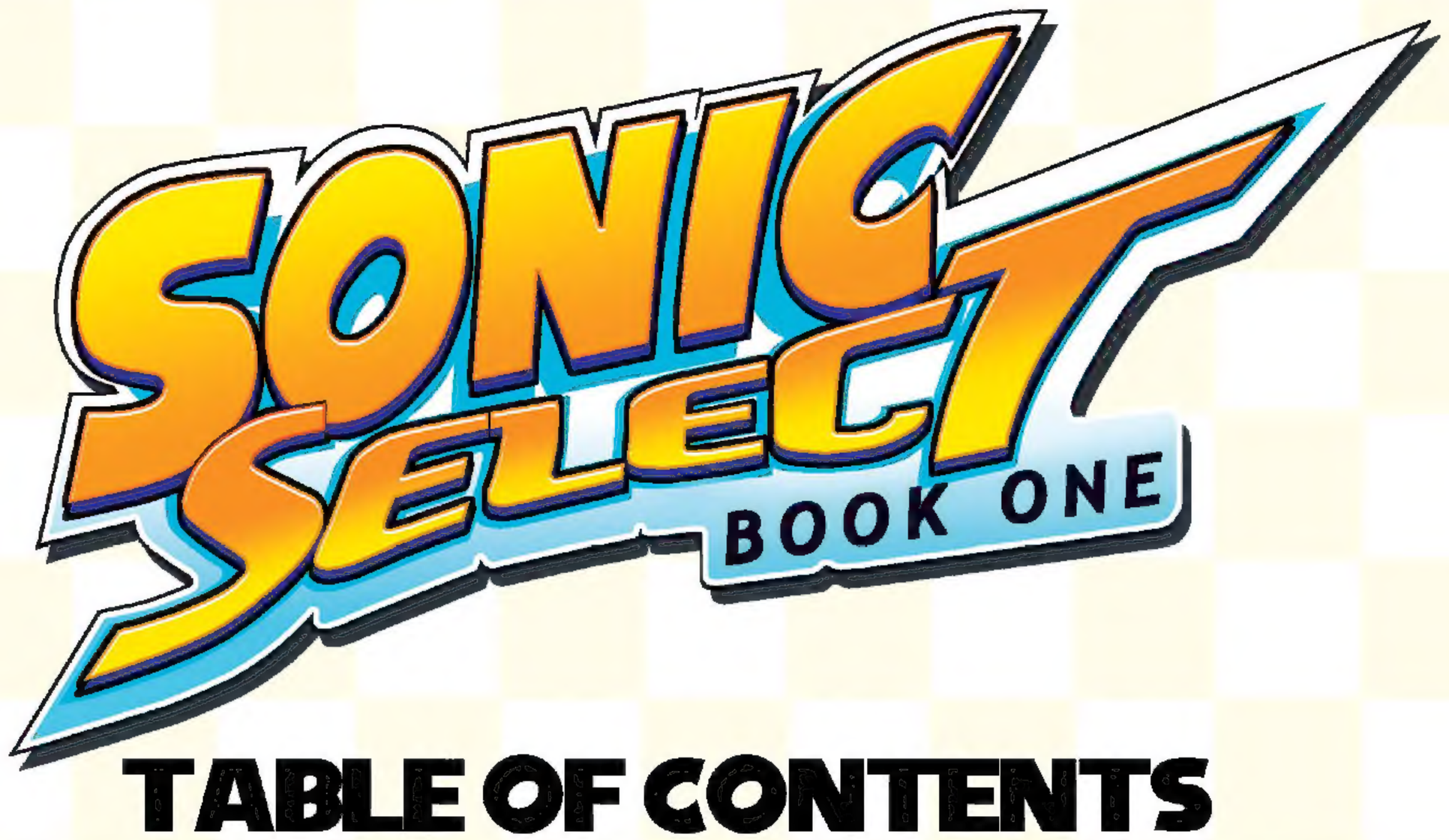

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HEADS UP, INTRUDER! I'M SPRINGING AHEAD...
SPRONG!
...AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE FALLING BACKWARD!
THE Quest
PRINCESS SALLY'S CRUSADE: CONCLUSION!
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HEY! LOOK OUT!
VROOSH!
WHA...
FLIP
I ALMOST TOOK YOUR HEAD OFF! ARE YOU FIGHTING OR SLEEPING?
PLOP!
HUH?
OH! SORRY, SONIC!
IT'S JUST THAT MY THOUGHTS HAVE BEEN...
...ELSEWHERE.
"FIRST, IT WAS THE MYSTERIOUS ORB THAT FELL FROM THE SKY...*
THOOM
*SEE "FIRST STAR..." IN SONIC #17 - Editor
"AND THEN...
...JULAYLA."*
*SEE "IN THE STILL..." IN SONIC #18 - Ed.
SPEAKING OF JULAYLA, M'LADY--
SWISH!
--THERE BE MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION!
OH?
BUT OF COURSE, ROSIE.

YOUR MENTOR HAS BEEN MOST *EXPLICIT* ABOUT THE DIVISION OF HER ESTATE.

SWISH!

ALL THAT SHE OWNED-- LOCK, STOCK AND BARREL-- SHE LEFT TO YOU!

THANK YOU, ROSIE!

I'LL BE HERE IF ANYONE NEEDS ME.

AMAZING!

...THAT A PERSON COULD GATHER SO MANY MATERIAL GOODS IN A LIFETIME...

OH MY.

JULAYLA'S *HOPE CHEST.*

SHE MEANT FOR ME TO HAVE IT ON MY WEDDING DAY.

WHAT A HANDSOME *VEST!* I ALWAYS WANTED *POCKETS!*

I WONDER WHAT OTHER TREASURES ARE INSIDE?

OH, FATHER... ⟨SNIFF⟩

THOSE WERE *GOOD* TIMES--

--BEFORE YOU WERE *TAKEN* FROM US.

A MAP.

WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED IF... IF...

THIS IS ALL TOO MUCH FOR ONE DAY!

I'LL FINISH *TOMORROW!*

THAT NIGHT...
SWISH!
HELLO, SALLY...

MY NAME...
...IS NICOLE.
THAT TELLS ME WHO YOU ARE-- BUT NOT WHAT!
I WOULD BE YOUR FRIEND...
...BUT THAT IS A CHOICE ONLY YOU CAN MAKE.
Hmmm.
YOU REMIND ME VERY MUCH OF SOMEONE ELSE WHO ALWAYS ENCOURAGED ME TO MAKE MY OWN DECISIONS.
THANK YOU.
A HIGHER COMPLIMENT I COULD SCARCELY IMAGINE.
PRINCESS SALLY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP SO LATE?
IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?
WE HEARD VOICES!

WHO HAVE YOU BEEN TALKING TO, SAL?
I'M NOT SURE
YOU TELL ME!
SHAKE! SHAKE! SHAKE!
ZZRCH!
WOAH! LITTLE SUCKER REALLY PACKS A WALLOP!
THAT WASN'T VERY NICE, NICOLE!
NEITHER WAS NEARLY SHAKING ME TO PIECES!
THAT GADGET IS MORE TROUBLE THAN IT'S WORTH. I SAY GET RID OF IT!
NO...
LIKE IT OR NOT-- SHE'S HERE NOW...AND SHE'S STAYING.
BESIDES... EVERYONE NEEDS A FRIEND!

SUNSET, THE FOLLOWING DAY...

JULAYLA'S FINAL TESTAMENT CLAIMED THAT ALL I NEED TO ATTAIN ONENESS OF THE SOUL IS LOCKED WITHIN THE DARKNESS OF THE *FORBIDDEN ZONE*...

... A PLACE WHERE EVEN *DOCTOR ROBOTNIK* FEARS TO TREAD.

I COULD *NEVER* ASK THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO ACCOMPANY ME ON WHAT COULD PROVE TO BE SUCH A DANGEROUS AND *PERSONAL* MISSION.

SO...

...EXCEPT FOR *YOU*, NICOLE...

...I'LL HAVE TO GO IT *ALONE!*

SWISH!

GOING SOMEWHERE, PRINCESS?

WEREN'T THINKING OF HOGGING ALL THE GLORY FOR *YOURSELF*, WERE YOU?

SONIC

GUYS, I APPRECIATE YOUR *SUPPORT*, BUT THIS COULD BE *DANGEROUS!*

BESIDES, IT'S SOMETHING I NEED TO DO ON MY *OWN!*

SEZ WHO?

EVERYONE NEEDS A *FRIEND*, SAL --

--AND *DANGER* IS OUR *BUSINESS!*

÷SIGH÷ I CAN SEE IT'S POINTLESS TO ARGUE...

SHROOOOOM!

I JUST HOPE EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT WHAT WE'RE GETTING OURSELVES INTO!

WE'RE OVER THE DROP SITE *NOW*, PRINCESS!

ROGER, ROTOR.

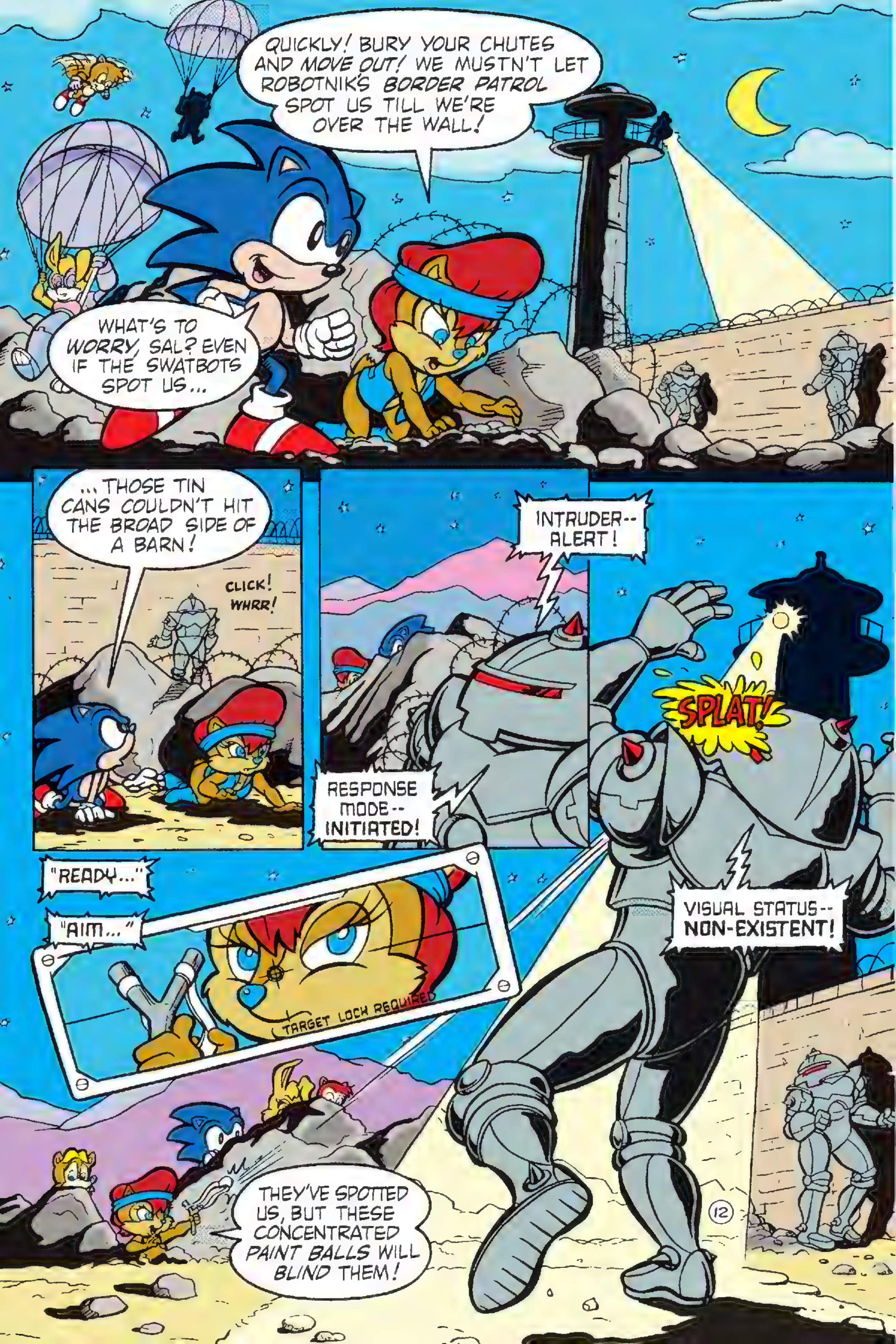
GOOD LUCK!

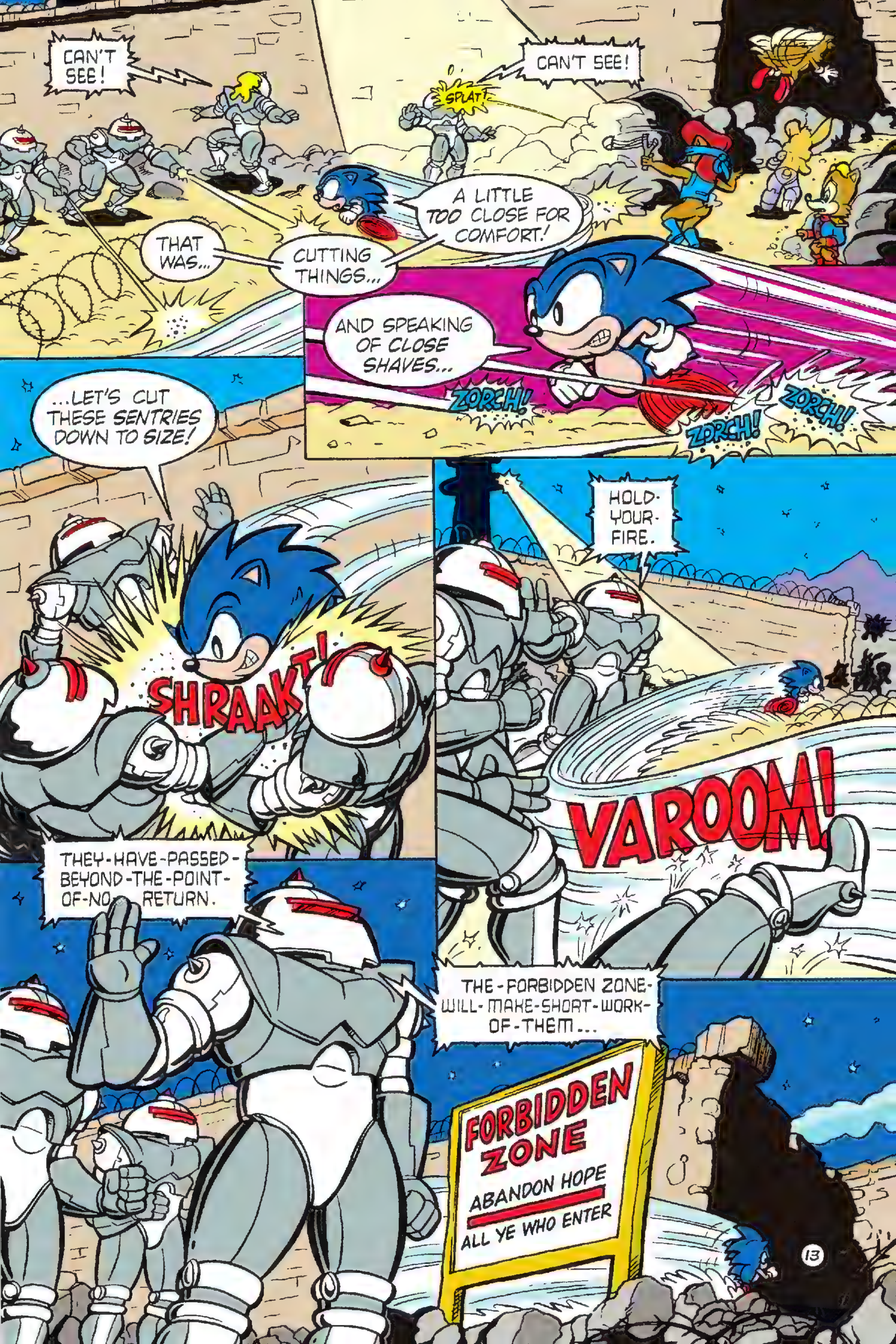
EVERYONE TOGETHER, ON MY MARK...

GERONIMOOOOOO

OH, MY...

I HAVE CONVENIENTLY FORGOTTEN MY FEAR OF ZEE HEIGHTS!


QUICKLY! BURY YOUR CHUTES AND MOVE OUT! WE MUSTN'T LET ROBOTNIK'S BORDER PATROL SPOT US TILL WE'RE OVER THE WALL!
WHAT'S TO WORRY, SAL? EVEN IF THE SWATBOTS SPOT US...
...THOSE TIN CANS COULDN'T HIT THE BROAD SIDE OF A BARN!
CLICK! WHRR!
INTRUDER-- ALERT!
RESPONSE MODE-- INITIATED!
SPLAT!
VISUAL STATUS-- NON-EXISTENT!
"READY..."
"AIM..."
TARGET LOCK REQUIRED
THEY'VE SPOTTED US, BUT THESE CONCENTRATED PAINT BALLS WILL BLIND THEM!


CAN'T SEE!
CAN'T SEE!
SPLAT!
A LITTLE TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT!
THAT WAS...
CUTTING THINGS...
AND SPEAKING OF CLOSE SHAVES...
ZORCH!
ZORCH!
ZORCH!
...LET'S CUT THESE SENTRIES DOWN TO SIZE!
SHRAAK!
HOLD-YOUR-FIRE.
VAROOM!
THEY-HAVE-PASSED-BEYOND-THE-POINT-OF-NO RETURN.
THE-FORBIDDEN ZONE-WILL-MAKE-SHORT-WORK-OF-THEM...
FORBIDDEN ZONE
ABANDON HOPE
ALL YE WHO ENTER

"...AND-PROVE-THEIR-ULTIMATE-UNDOING!"
WHIP WHIP
WHIP
WHOOOSH!
SHOOM!
WE'RE IN! NOW WHAT?
THE MAP SAYS WE HEAD THATAWAY!
OH?
LIKE WHAT?
IT ALSO SAYS THERE ARE A FEW OBSTACLES -- IN OUR PATH.
...LIKE THAT!
MON DIEU! IT EES ZEE CYCLOPS!
GULP! LOOKS MORE LIKE A ONE-EYED MONSTER TO ME!

THOOM!
STAND BACK GANG...
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
TALL, DARK AND GRUESOME IS ALL MINE!
THWAK!
THWOK!
HUFF PUFF
BIG PALOOKA DOESN'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT!
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET PAST HIM... I MEAN IT?!
I COULDN'T SAY, SONIC...
BUT I KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT!
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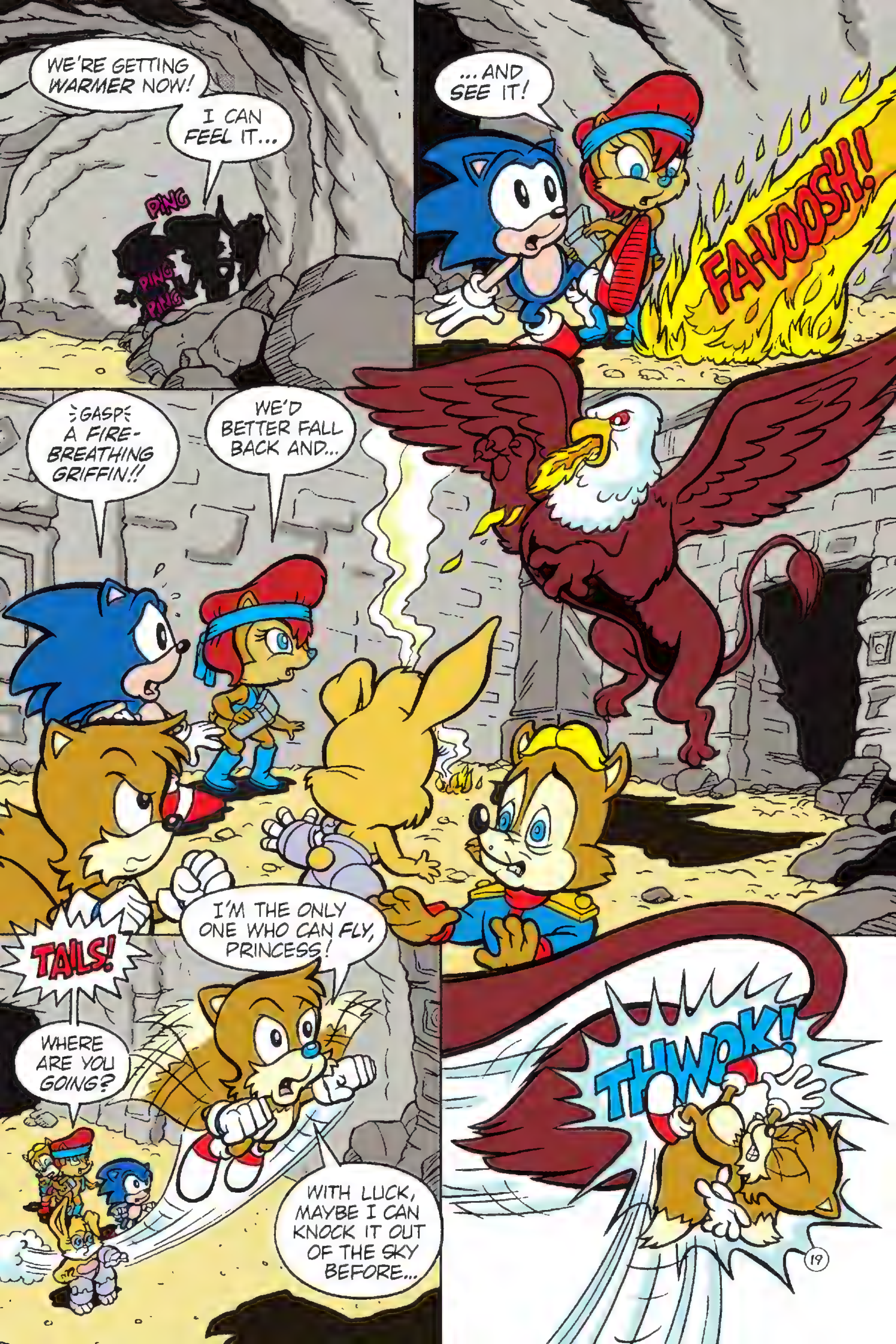
NICOLE?
THE MECHANOID'S SENSORS HAVE BEEN KEYED TO DETECT MOTION, SALLY.
BUT...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
EXACTLY WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE...
MOTION?
THAT'S IT!
SNAP!
EVERYONE! FOLLOW MY LEAD!
NOTHING!
HMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM
KLIK
WHEW! I THOUGHT SO.
WITHOUT A TARGET TO TRACK...
HE WENT BACK INTO STAND-BY MODE.
AND NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON!
PATIENCE HAS NEVER BEEN MY STRONG SUIT!
NO KIDDING?


WE'RE GETTING WARMER NOW!
I CAN FEEL IT...
PING
PING
PING
...AND SEE IT!
FA-VOOSH!
:GASP: A FIRE-BREATHING GRIFFIN!!
WE'D BETTER FALL BACK AND...
TAILS!
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FLY, PRINCESS!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
WITH LUCK, MAYBE I CAN KNOCK IT OUT OF THE SKY BEFORE...
THWOK!

WHUMP!
UH-OH!
FOR SONIC'S SAKE I HOPE THAT PLAQUE ISN'T SOMEONE'S IDEA OF A BAD JOKE!
FA-VOOSH!
GROAN
THAT GRIFFIN'S TOUGH! IF ONLY I HAD SOME SORT OF...
WHOSOEVER PULLS THE SWORD FROM THIS STONE SHALL BEST THE BEAST
WEAPON?
"BETTER PULL THE SWORD OUT, PRONTO..."
FA-VOOSH!
FA-VOOSH!
...BUT IT'S STUCK TIGHT!
MUSN'T... GIVE... UP...
GOTTA-KEEP-PULLING UNTIL...
UNTIL...
THWOK!
WHOSOEVER PULLS THE SWORD FROM THIS STONE

SKEEEE-

-RAASH!

EXCUSE ME... BUT WHAT JUST *HAPPENED* HERE?

BY FREEING THE SWORD FROM THE STONE...

TAILS BROKE THE CIRCUIT WHICH GRANTED THE GRIFFIN ITS MOBILITY.

THAT WAS VERY *BRAVE*, TAILS! BUT *NEXT* TIME PROMISE ME YOU'LL *LOOK* BEFORE YOU *LEAP!*

YES, MA'AM!

ACCORDING TO THE MAP, WE'RE ALMOST THERE. I JUST HOPE WE DON'T RUN INTO ANY MORE...

...TROUBLE.

AW, NO!

NOT *AGAIN!*

ZOWEE!

THIS ONE'S *BIGGER* THAN THE OTHERS PUT TOGETHER!

IF WE HAVE TO *FIGHT* IT...

ER... *THEM*...

MAYBE WE *DON'T*.

WHAT CAN YOU *TELL* US ABOUT THAT THING, NICOLE?

THE CREATURE BEFORE YOU IS THE LEGENDARY POLYSAURUS REX.

LONG THOUGHT TO BE EXTINCT, THIS TWO-HEADED, TWO-FACED BIOMECHANICAL WATCHDOG IS A WALKING CONTRADICTION IN TERMS.

ONE HEAD ALWAYS TELLS THE TRUTH, WHILE THE OTHER ALWAYS LIES--

AND NO ONE CAN EVER BE QUITE SURE WHICH HEAD IS WHICH.

BEYOND IT LIE TWO DOORS, ONE LEADS TO YOUR QUEST'S END:--

THE OTHER, TOWARD CERTAIN DOOM.

CHOOSE YOUR WORDS WITH CARE, SALLY.

CHOOSE MY...

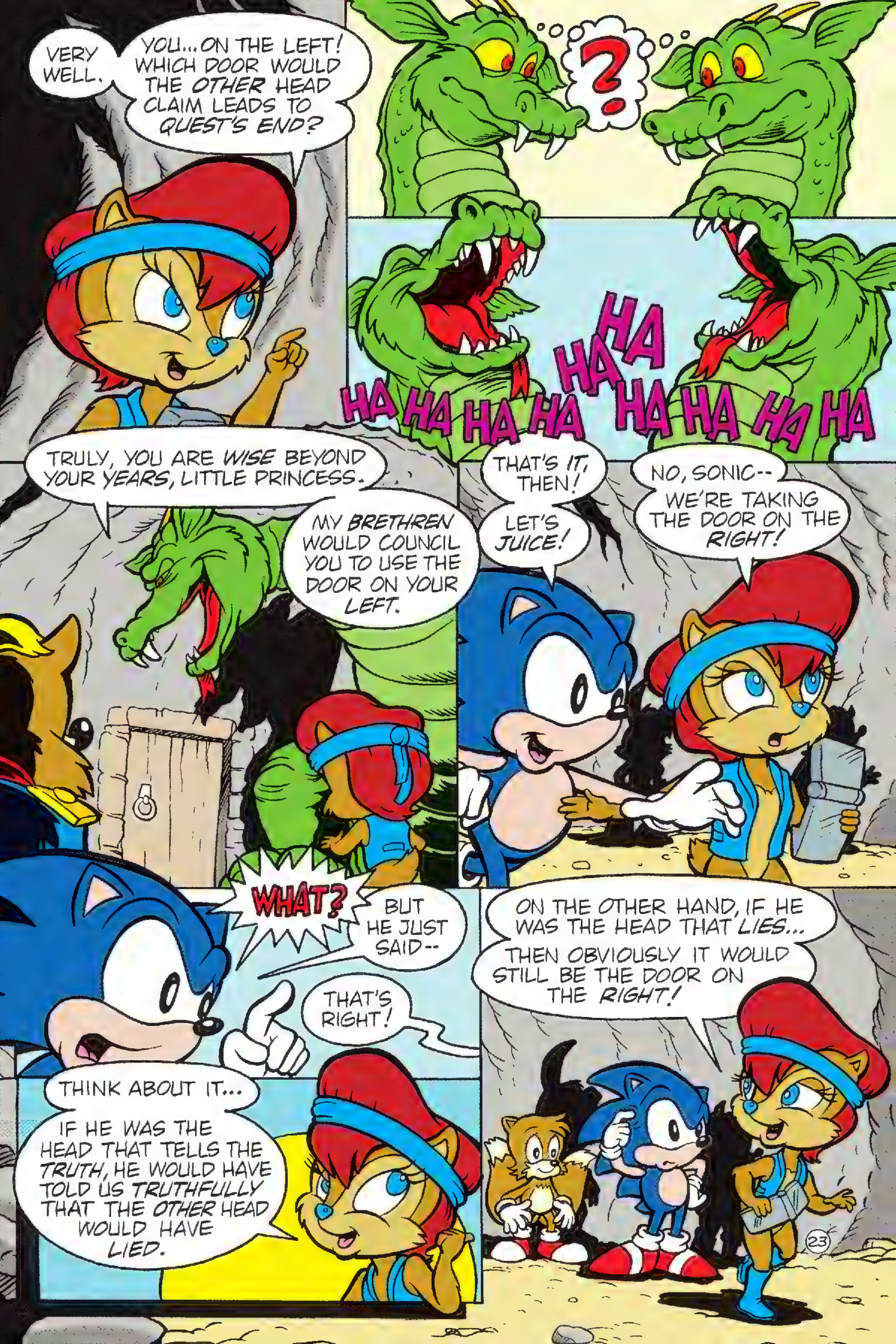
YOU MEAN I HAVE TO ASK IT A *QUESTION*?

ONE QUESTION...

...AND ONE *ONLY*!

PICK A HEAD...

... AND TAKE *YOUR BEST SHOT*!


VERY WELL.
YOU...ON THE LEFT! WHICH DOOR WOULD THE OTHER HEAD CLAIM LEADS TO QUEST'S END?
?
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
TRULY, YOU ARE WISE BEYOND YOUR YEARS, LITTLE PRINCESS.
MY BRETHREN WOULD COUNCIL YOU TO USE THE DOOR ON YOUR LEFT.
THAT'S IT, THEN!
LET'S JUICE!
NO, SONIC-- WE'RE TAKING THE DOOR ON THE RIGHT!
WHAT?
BUT HE JUST SAID--
THAT'S RIGHT!
THINK ABOUT IT...
IF HE WAS THE HEAD THAT TELLS THE TRUTH, HE WOULD HAVE TOLD US TRUTHFULLY THAT THE OTHER HEAD WOULD HAVE LIED.
ON THE OTHER HAND, IF HE WAS THE HEAD THAT LIES...
THEN OBVIOUSLY IT WOULD STILL BE THE DOOR ON THE RIGHT!
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WELL, SINCE WE *AREN'T* PUSHING UP DAISIES, I GUESS YOU MADE THE *RIGHT* CHOICE.

BUT THAT *STILL* DOESN'T TELL ME WHICH HEAD WAS WHICH!

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, I DON'T KNOW *EITHER!* BUT NONE OF THAT *MATTERS* NOW!

WE'VE ARRIVED AT...

Quest'S END!

WOW...

LOOK AT *THAT!*

I *SEE* IT, SONIC!

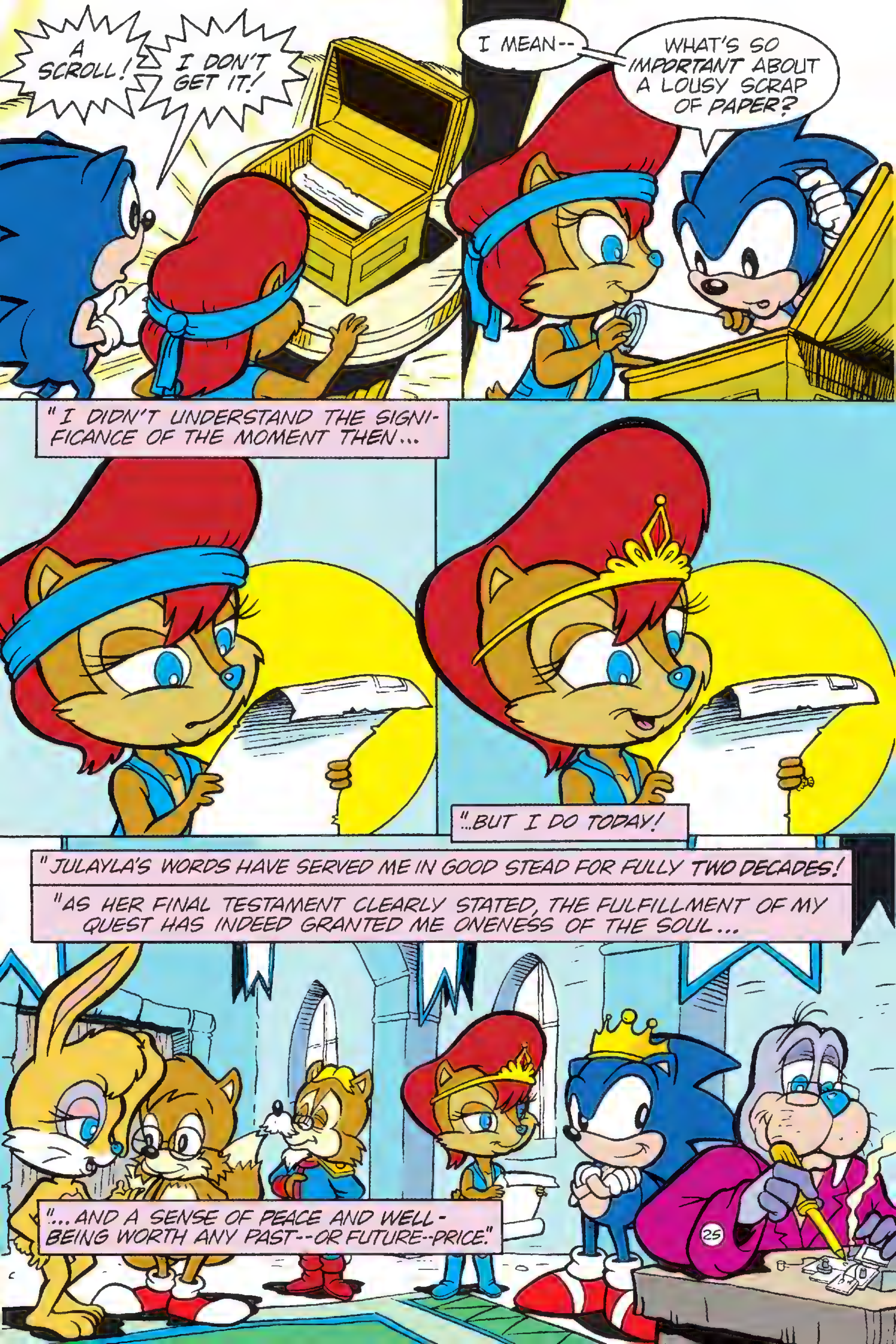
A MINIATURE VERSION OF JULAYLA'S *HOPE CHEST!*

THIS MUST BE WHAT WE *CAME* FOR!

I WONDER WHAT'S...

INSIDE?!

POP!


A SCROLL!
I DON'T GET IT!
I MEAN--
WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT A LOUSY SCRAP OF PAPER?
"I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MOMENT THEN...
"...BUT I DO TODAY!
"JULAYLA'S WORDS HAVE SERVED ME IN GOOD STEAD FOR FULLY TWO DECADES!
"AS HER FINAL TESTAMENT CLEARLY STATED, THE FULFILLMENT OF MY QUEST HAS INDEED GRANTED ME ONENESS OF THE SOUL...
"...AND A SENSE OF PEACE AND WELL-BEING WORTH ANY PAST--OR FUTURE--PRICE."

"BY HAVING FAITH IN MYSELF, THE WAR AGAINST ROBOTNIK WAS WON...

"...AS WAS THE HEART OF MY BELOVED HEDGEHOG.

"WE HAVE A KINGDOM NOW...

VIEEEE!

"A FAMILY...

"AND THE CHILDREN...

HOLD UP, YOU LITTLE SCAMPS!

"...HAVE A GRANDFATHER.

HUFF HUFF

YOU TWO ARE QUITE THE HANDFUL...

BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY!

"NOW, AFTER ALL THESE MANY YEARS...

"THE FINAL LINK IN AN ELABORATE CHAIN OF EVENTS IS ABOUT TO BE FORGED..."

DONE.

CLICK!

MY FRIENDS...

I GIVE YOU--

NICOLE!

HELLO... OLD FRIEND.

IT'S BEEN-- A LONG TIME.

"AND IT WOULD BE LONGER STILL. ROTOR HAD SPENT YEARS STRIVING TO RECLAIM THE TECHNOLOGY THAT WAS LOST WHEN NICOLE WAS DESTROYED DURING THE DECISIVE BATTLE WITH ROBOTNIK. AND NOW THAT WE'RE FINALLY TOGETHER AGAIN...

"...I MUST ONCE MORE SAY GOOD-BYE.

"EVER SINCE THE DISCOVERY OF THE TRANS-TIME PORTAL, I KNEW WHERE NICOLE HAD COME FROM.

"AND WHY.

"SHE WAS A GIFT TO MYSELF, FROM MYSELF...

"A FRIEND, WHEN I NEEDED ONE THE MOST.

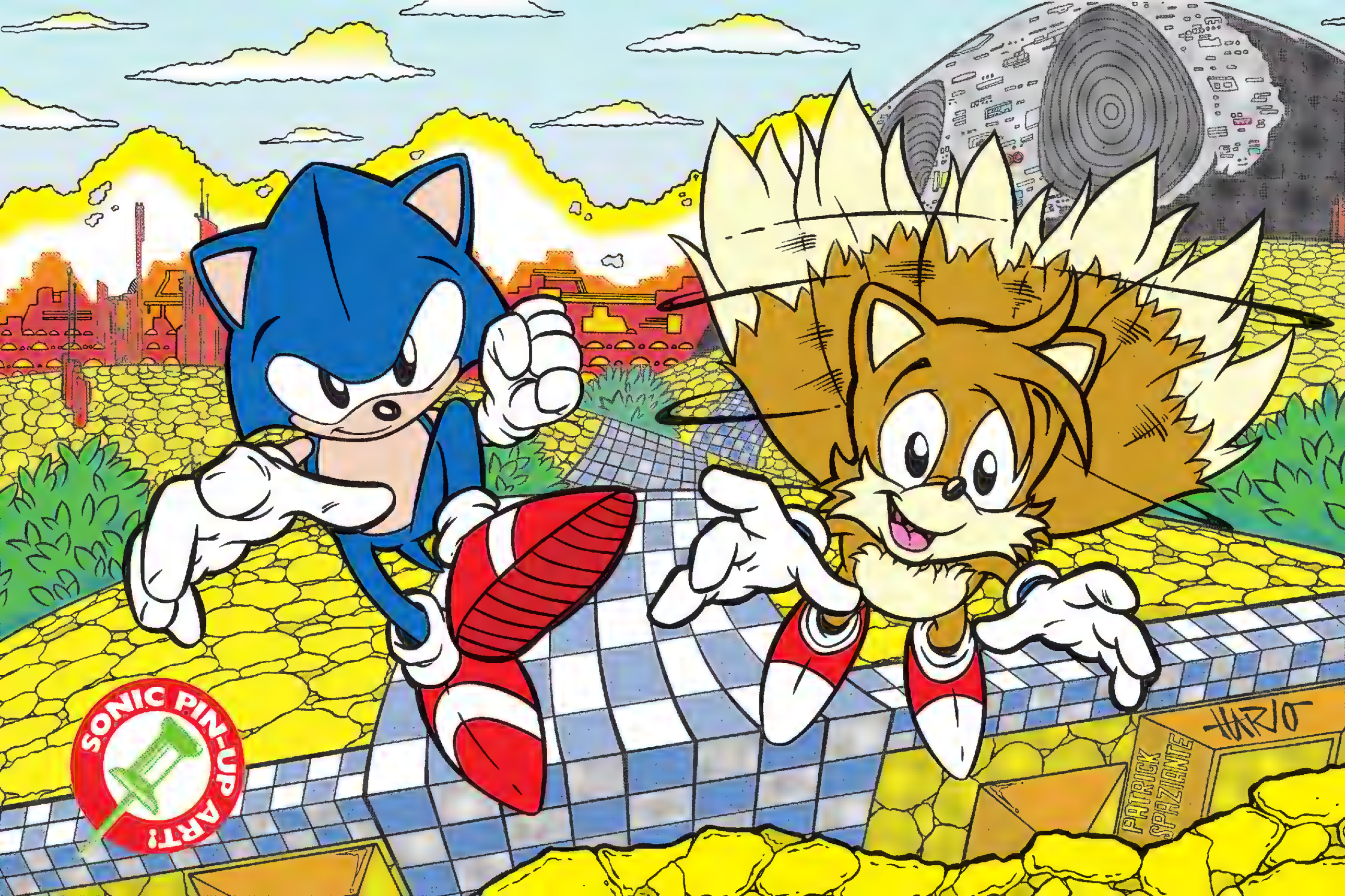
"WITHOUT HER, I MIGHT NEVER HAVE LIVED TO SEE THIS DAY...

"OR TO FULLY APPRECIATE JULAYLA'S PASSING, AND THE SIX LITTLE WORDS SHE LEFT BEHIND...

"TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE."

END

WAIT A MINUTE, SONIC FANS! IS THIS REALLY THE FUTURE OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, OR JUST ONE OF THE MANY POSSIBLE "FUTURES" OF OUR HEROES?! KEEP READING FUTURE MONTHLY ISSUES OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG... YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT EXCITING ADVENTURES LAY AHEAD...!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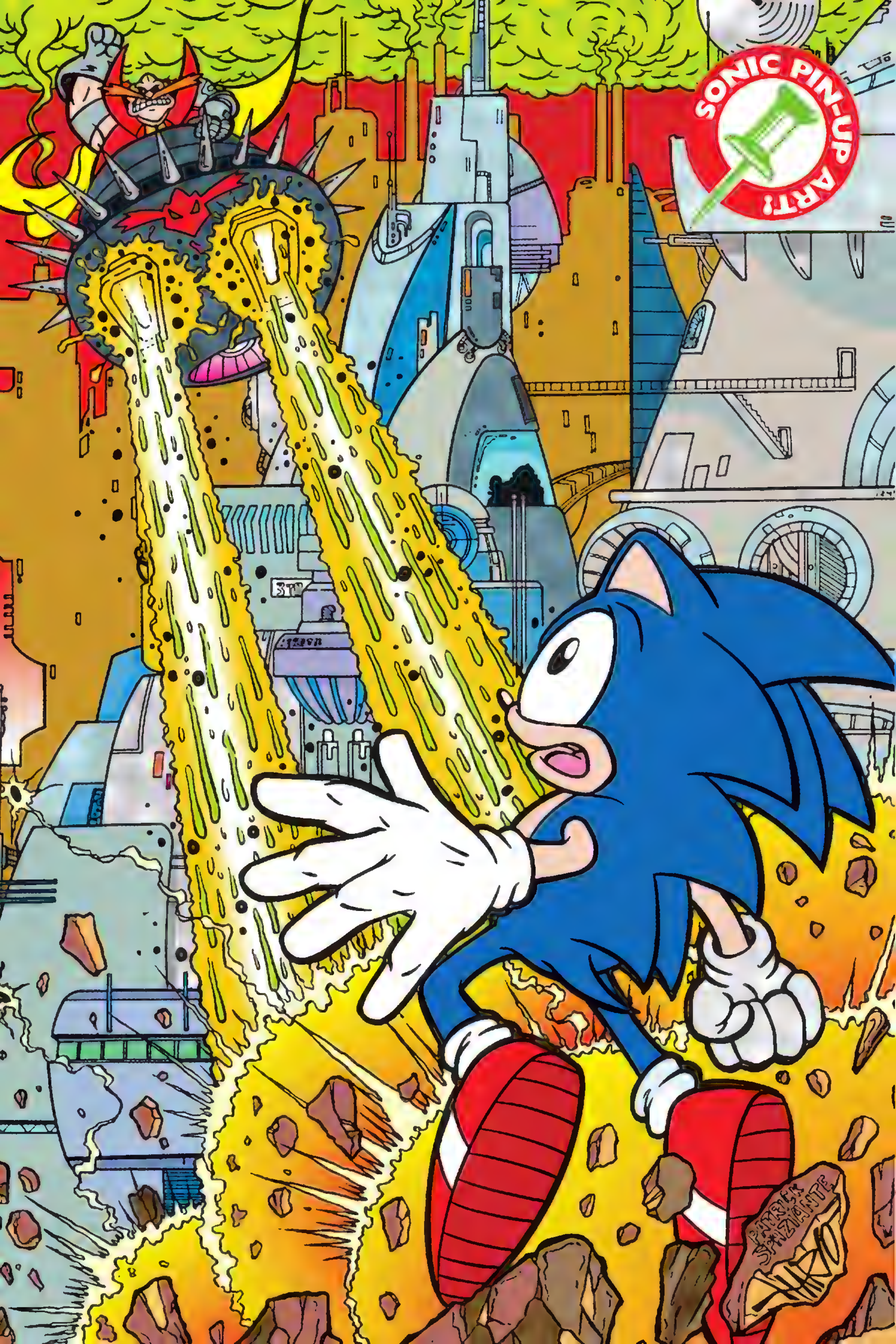
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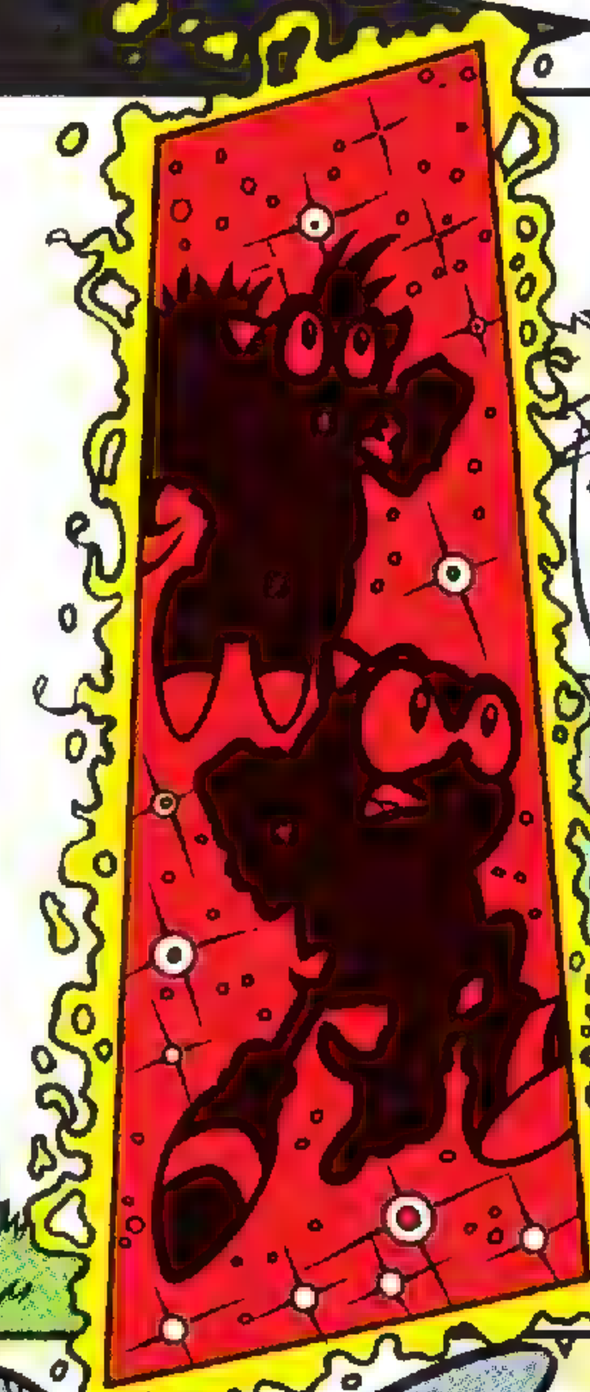
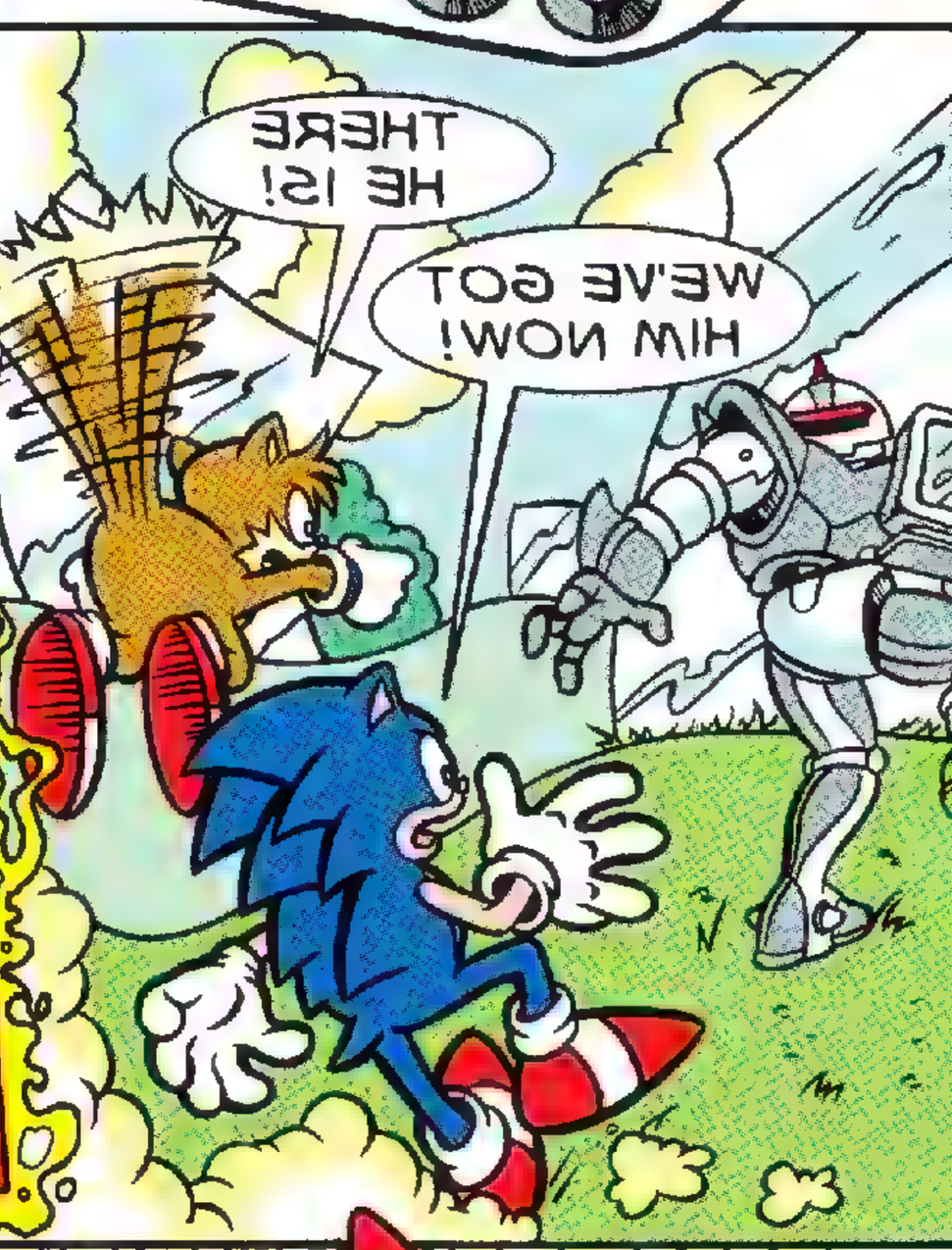
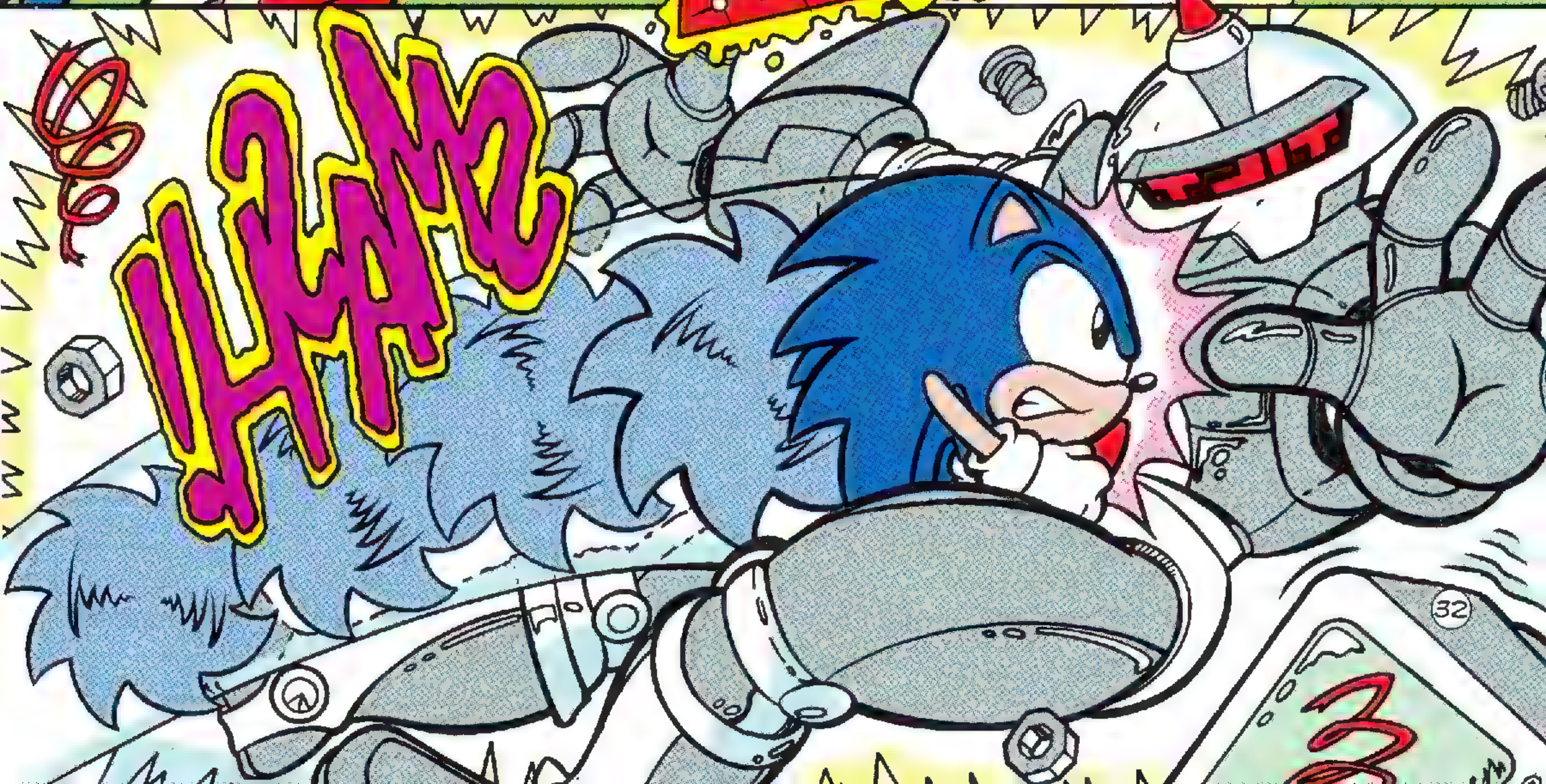
"THE MIRROR ZONE"

HEY, SONIC FANS! SONIC AND TAILS ARE PURSUING A SWATBOT WHO IS DELIVERING A TOP-SECRET COMPUTER MESSAGE TO DR. ROBOTNIK! ONCE OUR HEROES ENTER THE MIRROR ZONE, YOU CAN READ THEIR SCRAMBLED WORDS BY HOLDING THESE STORY PAGES UP TO A MIRROR!

HAVE FUN!







I'VE GOT THE MECHA-MESSAGE UNIT, SONIC!

AND I'VE GOT HIM, TAILS!

CRASH!

HEY, SONIC, LETS SEE WHAT THE SECRET MESSAGE SAYS!

NO TIME, TAILS! ROBOTNIK'S GONNA BE LOOKING FOR IT! WE'LL READ IT OUTSIDE!

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS PLACE!

HEY, KIDS YOU CAN FIGURE THIS SECRET MESSAGE OUT BY PUTTING IT UP TO YOUR MIRROR AGAIN!

OH, NO! IT'S WRITTEN IN A SPECIAL CODE!

NOW WE'LL NEVER FIGURE IT OUT!

MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL, WHO'S THE MOST EVIL TYRANT OF THEM ALL?

...AND WHO'S THE DUMBEST HEDGEHOG OF THEM ALL?

YOU'LL NEVER DEFEAT ME, FAST AS FAST CAN BE. HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU, SONIC!

NO ROBOTNIK

PRESENTING, IN HIS VERY FIRST *SOLO* STORY...

SONIC'S PAL

TAILS

in: "TAILS' TALLEST TALE"

HEY, NICE *LOGO!*

THIS PART OF THE FOREST IS SO *THICK*, I CAN'T FLY BY *TAIL-POWER!* NO WONDER I'M SO *LATE!*

I'LL BET THIS NEVER HAPPENS TO *SONIC!*

SPEAKING OF *SONIC*, BEING HIS SIDEKICK *DOES* HAVE CERTAIN *ADVANTAGES...*

ZOT!

... LIKE GETTING INVITED TO BE THE SPECIAL GUEST OF THE LOCAL *SONIC FAN CLUB'S* BIG *CONVENTION!*

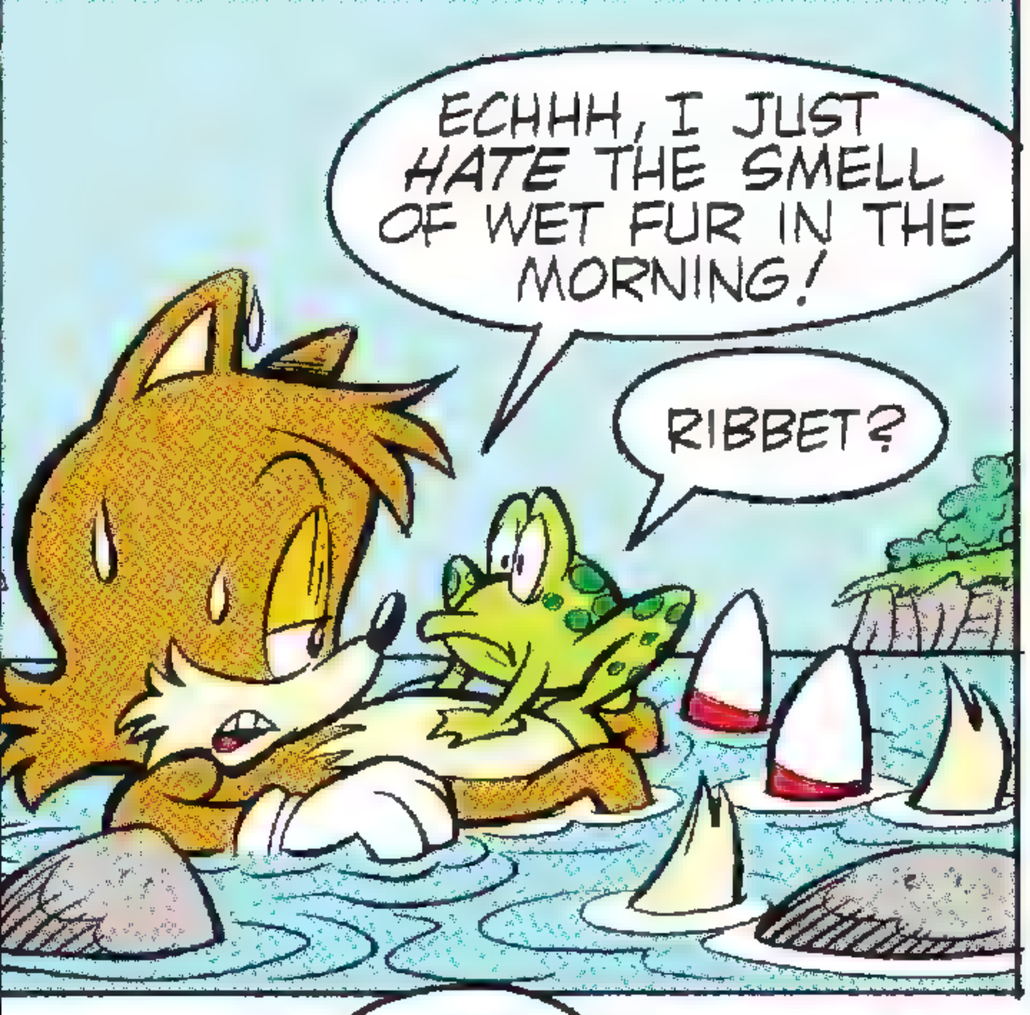
I GUESS THEY WANT A REAL *HERO TYPE* FOR THEIR--

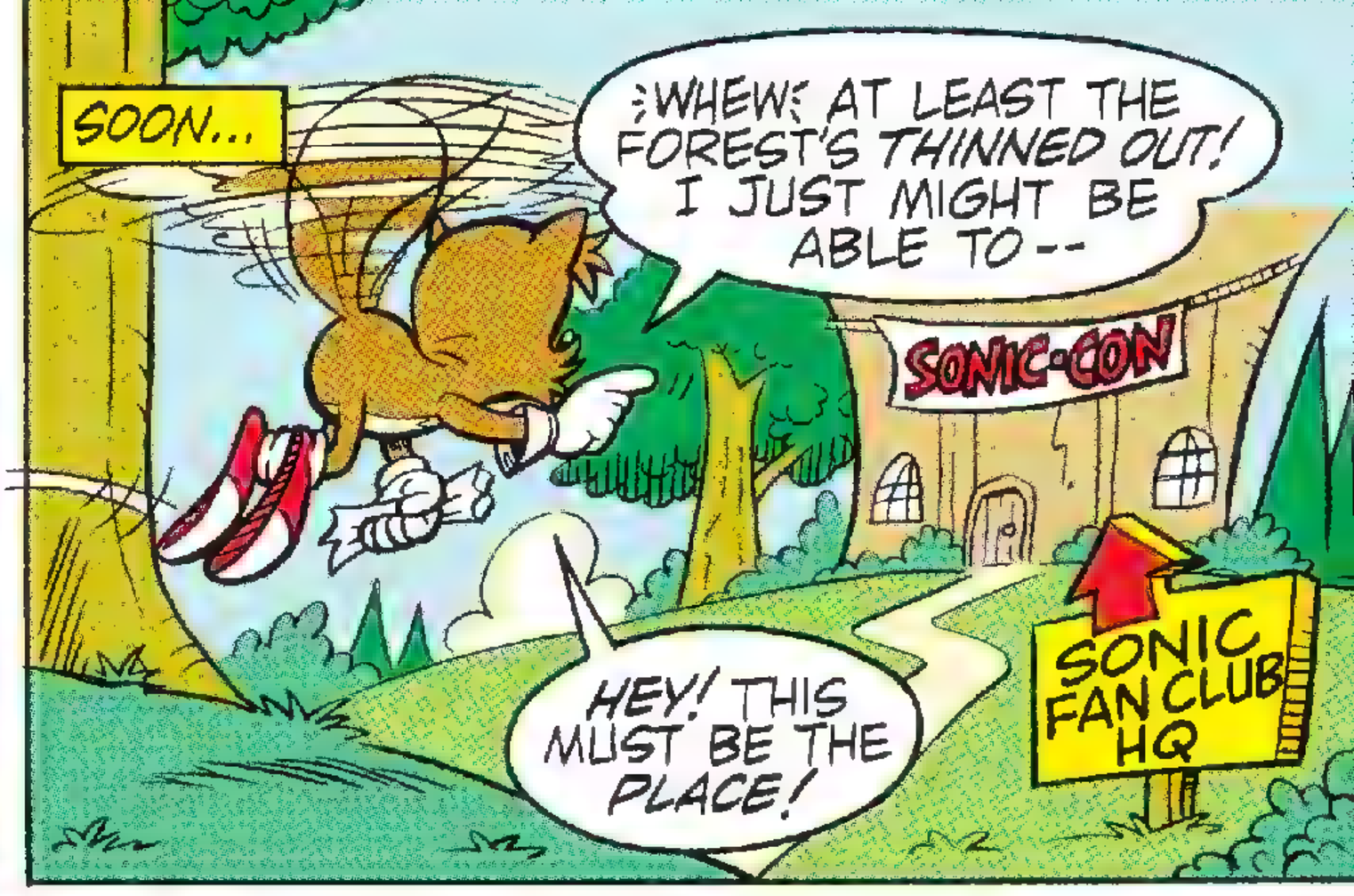
RIBBET!!

YEOWWW!!!!

OOOOOPS!

SPLOOSH!





WELL, HERE GOES!

WOW!

AH, TAILS! WELCOME TO OUR LITTLE GET TOGETHER! I'M SHELDON, THE CONVENTION PRESIDENT!

SONIC-CON

WE'RE HONORED YOU COULD FIT US INTO YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE!

IN MY OPINION KNUCKLES IS MERELY A MISUNDERSTOOD MARSUPIAL!

POSTERS

ARE YOU KIDDING? HE'S AN ECHIDNA, AND ALMOST AS BAD AS ROBOTNIK!

SAYS WHO? I'LL BET YOU MY AUTOGRAPHED SONIC TRADING CARD THAT TAILS WILL BACK ME UP ON THIS!

OH, GET A LIFE, YOU TWO!

WE INVITED SONIC TO SPEAK, BUT HE HAD TO TURN US DOWN!

THIS IS POSEY, OUR RESIDENT SONIC EXPERT!

PLEASED TO MEET YOU, POSEY!

WOW! SONIC'S APPRENTICE!

WELL, I PREFER "SIDEKICK!"

WELL, WE'RE ALL READY FOR YOUR SPEECH!

SPEECH?! OH, NO!

I COMPLETELY FORGOT TO PREPARE IT! WHAT AM I GONNA SAY?!

--IS THIS THING ON...?

UHH... GREETINGS, FELLOW SONIC FANS...

WHAT KINDA STUFF DO SPEECHMAKERS USUALLY SAY...? HEY, I KNOW...

...A FUNNY THING HAPPENED TO ME ON THE WAY TO THE CON...

OKAY. NOW WHAT...?

HEY, WHY NOT MAKE UP SOMETHING BASED ON WHAT REALLY HAPPENED? BUT I'LL MAKE IT MORE ACTION-PACKED!

WELL, ACTUALLY, IT WASN'T AS FUNNY AS IT WAS...ER...EXCITING!

WOW!

GOSH!

"WHILE PILOTING MY BI-PLANE OVER CRUSH WATER CANYON, I RAN INTO ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S DEADLY 'BOTS--

YAAARGH!

SONIC

--THE EVIL TOADZILLA!"

"I LEAPT FROM MY PLANE IN A LAST MINUTE EFFORT TO DEMOLISH THE GIANT!

BLAM!

PC POW

"EXHAUSTING MY AMMO, I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT DIRECTLY-- FOX TO TOAD!

"I DEALT A MIGHTY BLOW, AND JUST THEN, THE CLIFF COLLAPSED!

EAT FOX-FIST, TOADZILLA!

"LOCKED IN A DEATH GRIP--

"--WE FELL INTO THE WATERS OF THE RIVER!"

TOADZILLA WAS NOW IN HIS ELEMENT, BUT I REVVED UP MY *TAILS* TO MACH SPEED, AND WHIPPED UP A *WHIRL-POOL* TO DEFEAT HIM!

...AND THAT'S HOW I--HUH?!

OH, *NO!*

I CAN'T *BELIEVE* IT!

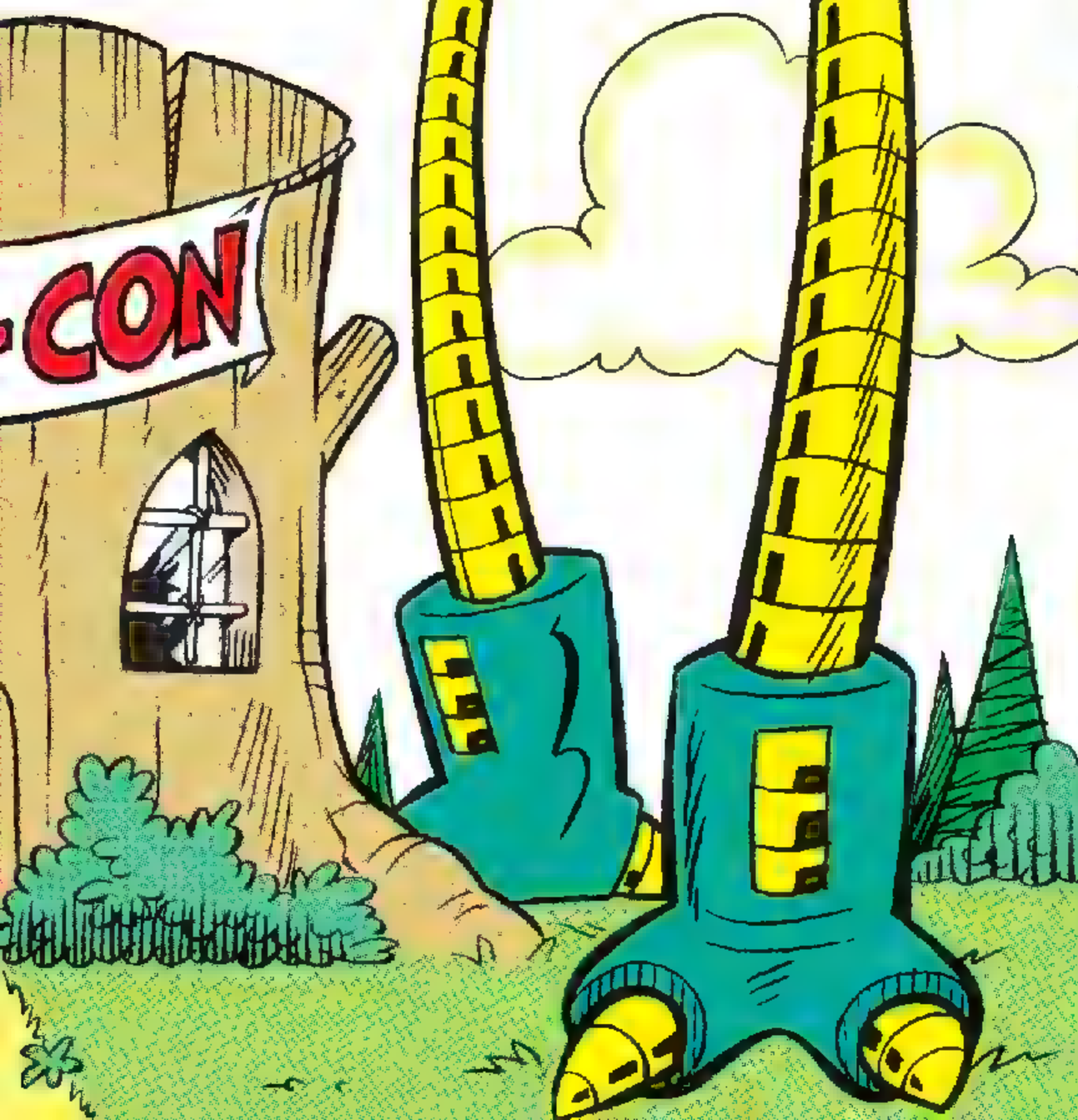
NOT *HERE!*

HEY, WHAT'S GOING *ON* OVER THERE? *C'MON*, ISN'T IT TIME FOR THE *APPLAUSE*? *HELLO?*

"*SONIC-CON*," EH? ONCE I'VE *ROBOTICIZED* YOU SICKENING LITTLE HERO WORSHIPPERS, YOU'LL ONLY IDOLIZE ME, DR. IVO ROBOTNIK!

OH, *NO!* WHAT A TIME FOR OUR *NEMESIS* TO SHOW HIS UGLY FACE!

WE DON'T STAND A *CHANCE* AGAINST THAT GIGANTIC ROBOT!



FORTUNATELY, WE'VE GOT *YOU* HERE TO *SAVE* US!

B-BUT, POSEY, M-M-MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY TO CONTACT *SONIC!*

HEY, IF YOUR *SPEECH* WAS ANY INDICATION, YOU HAVE *NOTHING* TO WORRY ABOUT!

EGAD! DO MY EYES DECEIVE ME, OR DO I SPY THAT INFERNAL HEDGEHOG'S BRATTY APPRENTICE?

THE NAME IS TAILS, ROBUTTNIK!

SCRAM, YOU BIG BULLY! THE SONIC-CON DOESN'T ALLOW GATE CRASHERS!

OH, YOU HAVE ME POSITIVELY PARALYZED WITH FEAR!

GEE, I'M DOING OKAY! I HOPE THAT POSEY IS WATCHING ALL OF THIS!

HERE'S AN IMPORTANT LESSON, APPRENTICE--WHEN CONFRONTING AN ADVERSARY OF MY CALIBER, PAY ATTENTION!

SWATT!

UNGHH!

FOLLOW THE NUMBERS TO VIEW TAILS' FLIGHT PATH!

IS--

1.

--RED!

DING!

2.

--MY--

DING!

3.

--FACE--

DING!

4.

DING!

5.

DING!

6.

DING!

7.

DONG!

OOOF!

TAILS! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? SPEAK TO US!
I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU, DR. ROBOTNIK...
...POSEY...?
...AND I'M NOT SCARED OF YOU! NOW LEAVE US ALONE!
OH, YOU HAVE SPUNK, EH? DO YOU KNOW WHAT SPUNK IS?
--IT'S THE GOOEY POSSUM-COLORED STUFF THAT'S GOING TO BE STUCK TO THE BOTTOM OF MY GIANT ROBOT TOES! BWAHAHAHA!
POSEY!!!
MAYBE I CAN'T BEAT ROBOTNIK WITH FORCE, BUT I CAN FINALLY PUT MY IMAGINATION TO GOOD USE!
WOW!
VROOOM!
NOW, IF I CAN JUST HOLD BOTH OF MY TAILS STATIONARY, WHILE LETTING MY BODY ROTATE INSTEAD...
SO, BACK FOR MORE PUNISHMENT, EH?! WELL, I WON'T DISAPPOINT YOU!
I CAN'T FOCUS ON THIS PICAYUNE PEST LONG ENOUGH TO G-GRAB HIM! IN FACT--
♪ ROUND, ROUND GET AROUND, I GET AROUND... ♪
--J-JUST WATCHING HIM MAKES ME SO D-DIZZY... EVERYTHING'S SPINNING...

...CAN'T OPERATE C-CONTROLS...

DIZZY...

WHOAAAAHHHHH--

FACE FACTS, DOC... IT'S A MAD, MAD, MAD, MAD WHIRL!

KER-RASSHH!!!

I-I'LL RETURN TO DESTROY YOU INSIGNIFICANT GNATS...

POP!

...THAT IS, AFTER I'VE LAID DOWN AND RESTED A WHILE...!

YOU DID IT, TAILS! YOU DEFEATED DR. ROBOTNIK!

I--I GUESS I DID, DIDN'T I?

THANKS, HERO! SONIC-CON IS LUCKY TO HAVE YOU AS OUR SPECIAL GUEST!

SMOOCH!

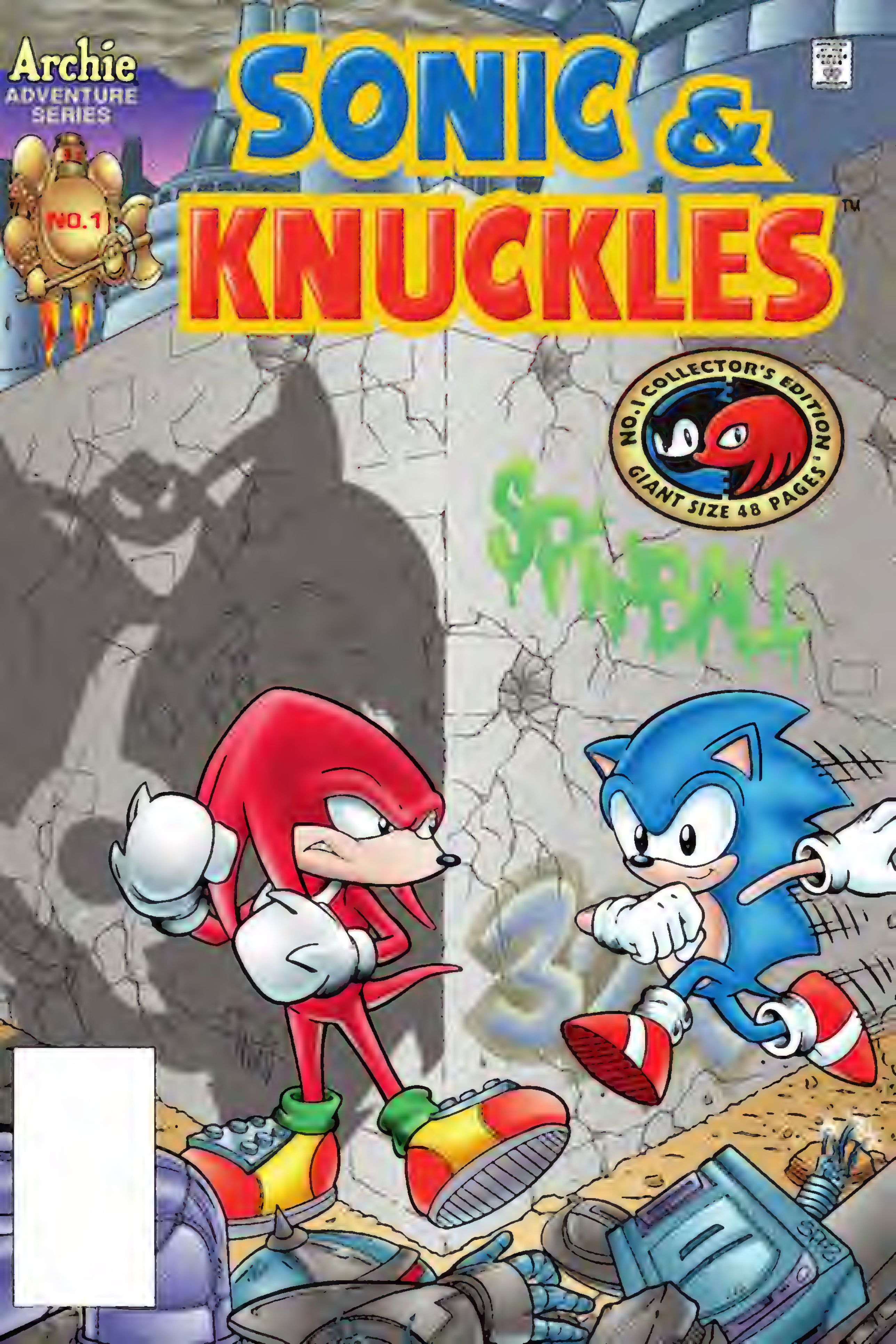
G-GOSH--!

UH, LET'S GET BACK TO THE CONVENTION, POSEY...

THERE'S A FEW THINGS ABOUT MY SPEECH THAT I NEED TO EXPLAIN TO YOU...!

SONIC-CON

THE END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A land once renowned for its great beauty, the planet **Mobius** is well on its way to becoming a scarred, lifeless battlefield, thanks to the relentless acts of scientific terrorism unleashed by the evil Techno-Tyrant, **Dr. Ivo Robotnik**.

In this once-serene plane, only one great natural wonder remains untouched by this utter devastation: the mysterious **Floating Island**. A mighty continent, the island is held aloft by the energy of a rare and powerful gem known as a **Chaos Emerald**. A world unto itself with its origins lost to antiquity, this sprawling multi-zoned land mass drifts lazily above the face of Mobius, existing in harmony, yet forever apart.

As enigmatic as the Floating Island is its guardian, **Knuckles The Echidna**. Last of an ancient, noble race, his charge is to preserve the peace, and protect the island's boundaries from the encroachment and harsh realities of the "outside world" -- a task handed down generation unto generation.

Recently host to a great battle between Dr. Robotnik and the spearhead of **Knothole Village's** resistance, **Sonic The Hedgehog**, the Floating Island again stands alone as a safe haven from the war that rages unchecked, below.

But for how long?

PROLOGUE:

THE WESTERN COAST OF THE GREAT CONTINENT.

12:17 PM

THOUGH PRONE TO EARTH-QUAKES, MUDSLIDES, FIRES AND FLOODS...

...IT REMAINS ONE OF THE FEW REGIONS ON MOBIUS TO REMAIN UNSCARRED BY CONFLICT!

HERE, THE NATIVES CAN FROLIC AND ROMP WITHOUT CARE!

OR AT LEAST THEY COULD...

WHAP!

...UNTIL TODAY!
SONIC & KNUCKLES™ IN
PANIC IN THE SKY!
PART 1
SOUND THE ALARM!
IT'S A CONTINENT!
A FLOATING CONTINENT!

...THE LAND MASS WAS SIGHTED SEVERAL HOURS AGO, AS IT CROSSED OVER INTO OUR AIR SPACE!
WITNESSES CLAIMED THE SKY WAS FALLING -- THOUGH FROM WHAT I CAN TELL...
...EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE!
1:52 PM
AMAZING!
ANY IDEA WHAT'S KEEPING IT ALOFT, ROTOR?
I COULDN'T TELL YOU, PRINCESS!
BUT I DO KNOW THIS...
ACCORDING TO MY READINGS...
...IT'S HEADED STRAIGHT FOR KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!
BEACH
ISLAND
TAP TAP
KNOTHOLE VILLAGE
HI, GANG! DID WE MISS ANYTHING?
HOLY--!
IT'S THE FLOATING ISLAND!
PLENTY!
AND YOU WOULDN'T HAVE IF YOU HAD THE COMMON COURTESY TO --
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"FLOATING ISLAND"?

MIND FILLING US IN, GENIUS?

WHAT DO YOU TWO KNOW THAT THE REST OF US DON'T?

PLENTY!

TAILS AND I FIRST CAME ACROSS THAT HUNK OF AIR-BORN ROCK A FEW MONTHS BACK!

WE CRASH-LANDED...

...AND RAN AFOUL OF KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA--GUARDIAN OF THE LOCAL CHAOS EMERALD!

THAT'S WHAT KEEPS THE ISLAND AFLOAT!

TO PUT IT MILDLY, HE TOOK AN IMMEDIATE AND PROFOUND DISLIKE TO US!

BUT-- AFTER WE'D HASHED THINGS OUT A BIT...

...WE PARTED ON FRIENDLY TERMS!*

SMAK!

*REFER TO THE NOW CLASSIC SONIC #13, "THIS ISLAND HEDGE-HOG," FOR THE FULL STORY--Scott

HMMM...

WHOSE SIDE IS THIS GUY REALLY ON?

THAT'S--HARD TO SAY, SAL! FOR AN ECHIDNA...

...HE'S ONE STRANGE DUDE!

FAR AS I COULD TELL, HE'S NEITHER *FOR* US OR *AGAINST* US...

...WHICH MAKES *SECOND-GUESSING* HIM ALL BUT *IMPOSSIBLE!*

UNTIL HIS *INTENTIONS* ARE *CLEAR*, IT'S *BEST* TO ASSUME THE *WORST!*

ANTOINE! FLY *SONIC* AND *TAILS* OUT IN THE *TURBO-PROP...*

"...AND LET'S GET A CLOSER LOOK!"

LOOK AT ZE *SIZE* OF ZAT THEENG!

TRÈS *FANTASTIQUE!*

RELAX, 'TWAN! YOU'VE SEEN *ONE* ISLAND, YOU'VE SEEN 'EM *ALL!*

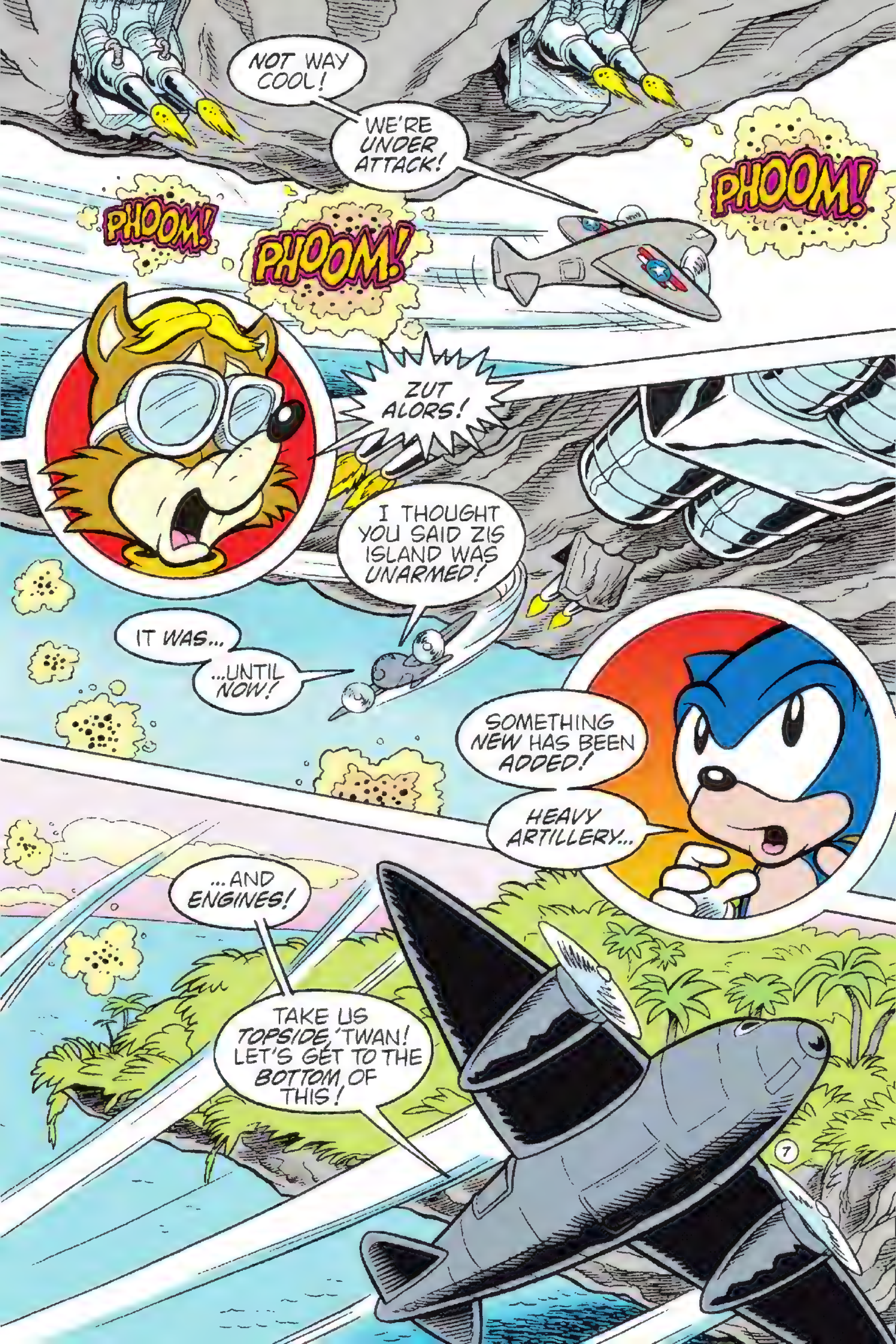
FROM *HERE*, IT'S JUST ONE BIG BALL OF *DIRT...*

...AND WHERE'S THE *DANGER* IN *THAT?*

K-CHUNG!

WHRR

K-CHUKT! K-CHUKT!


NOT WAY COOL!
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!
PHOOM!
PHOOM!
PHOOM!
ZUT ALORS!
I THOUGHT YOU SAID ZIS ISLAND WAS UNARMED!
IT WAS...
...UNTIL NOW!
SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED!
HEAVY ARTILLERY...
...AND ENGINES!
TAKE US TOPSIDE, 'TWAN! LET'S GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!
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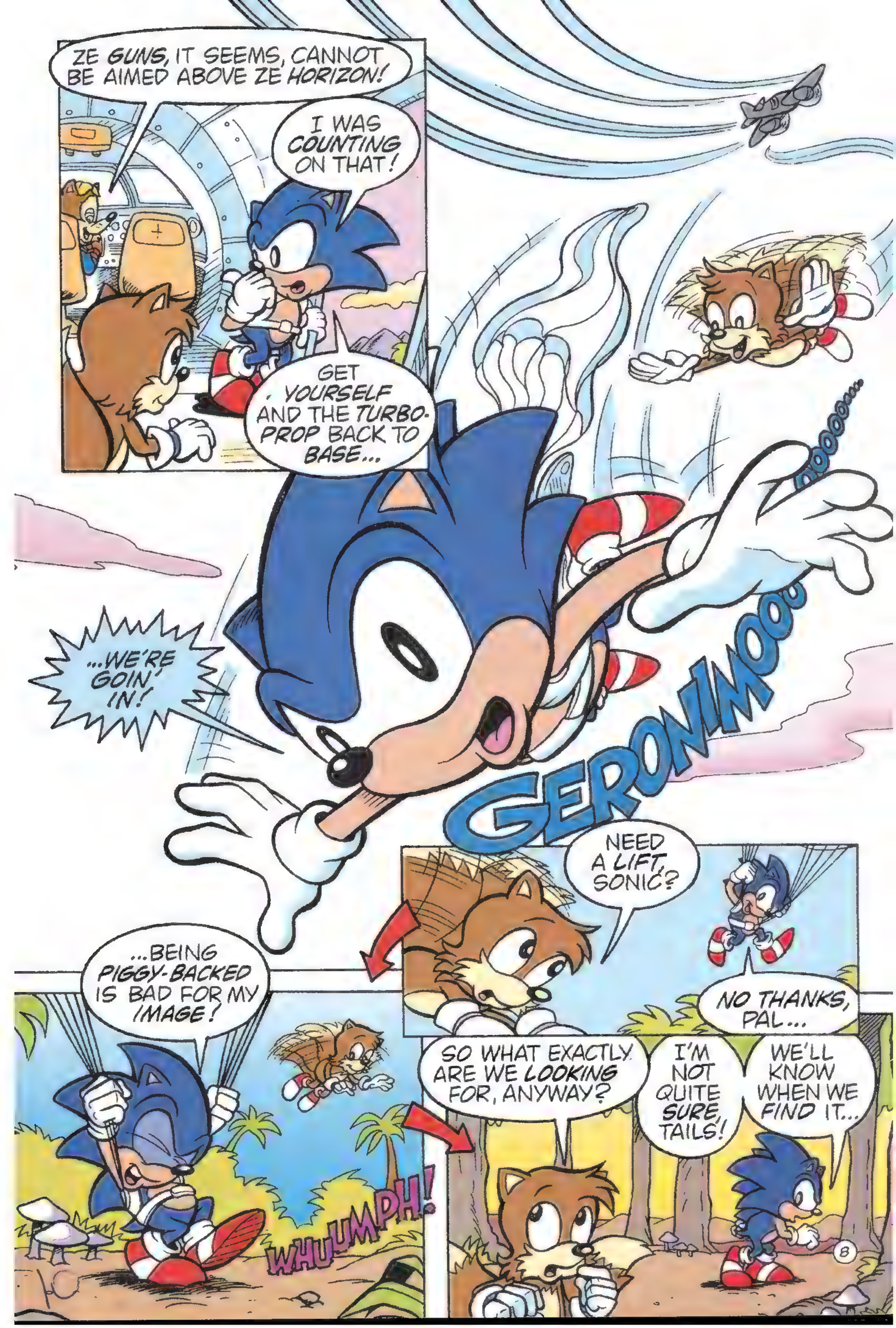

ZE GUNS, IT SEEMS, CANNOT BE AIMED ABOVE ZE HORIZON!
I WAS COUNTING ON THAT!
GET YOURSELF AND THE TURBO-PROP BACK TO BASE...
...WE'RE GOIN' IN!
GERONIMOOO
NEED A LIFT, SONIC?
NO THANKS, PAL...
...BEING PIGGY-BACKED IS BAD FOR MY IMAGE!
WHUUMPH!
SO WHAT EXACTLY ARE WE LOOKING FOR, ANYWAY?
I'M NOT QUITE SURE, TAILS!
WE'LL KNOW WHEN WE FIND IT...
8

...OR WHEN IT FINDS US!

EVERYONE WANTS A PIECE OF THE FLOATING ISLAND...

...BUT ALL THOSE TWO ARE GONNA GET IS A PIECE OF THE ROCK!

THEY'RE BA-ACK!

I KNEW THEY WOULD BE SOONER OR LATER!

HMMM...

BROBDINGNAGIAN FUNGI.

IN LAYMAN'S TERMS...

...GIANT MUSHROOMS!

A WHOLE FOREST FULL OF 'EM!

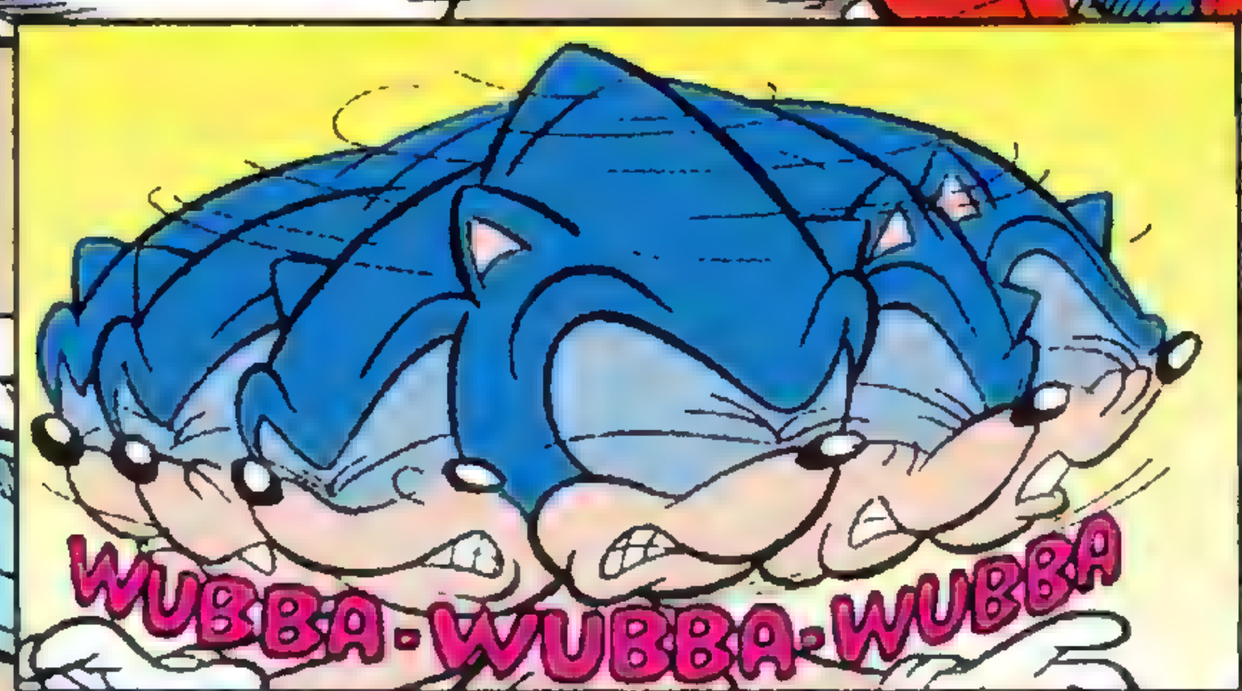
WOW!

SIGH

IF ONLY WE HAD A PIZZA CRUST BIG ENOUGH FOR--

KLONG!

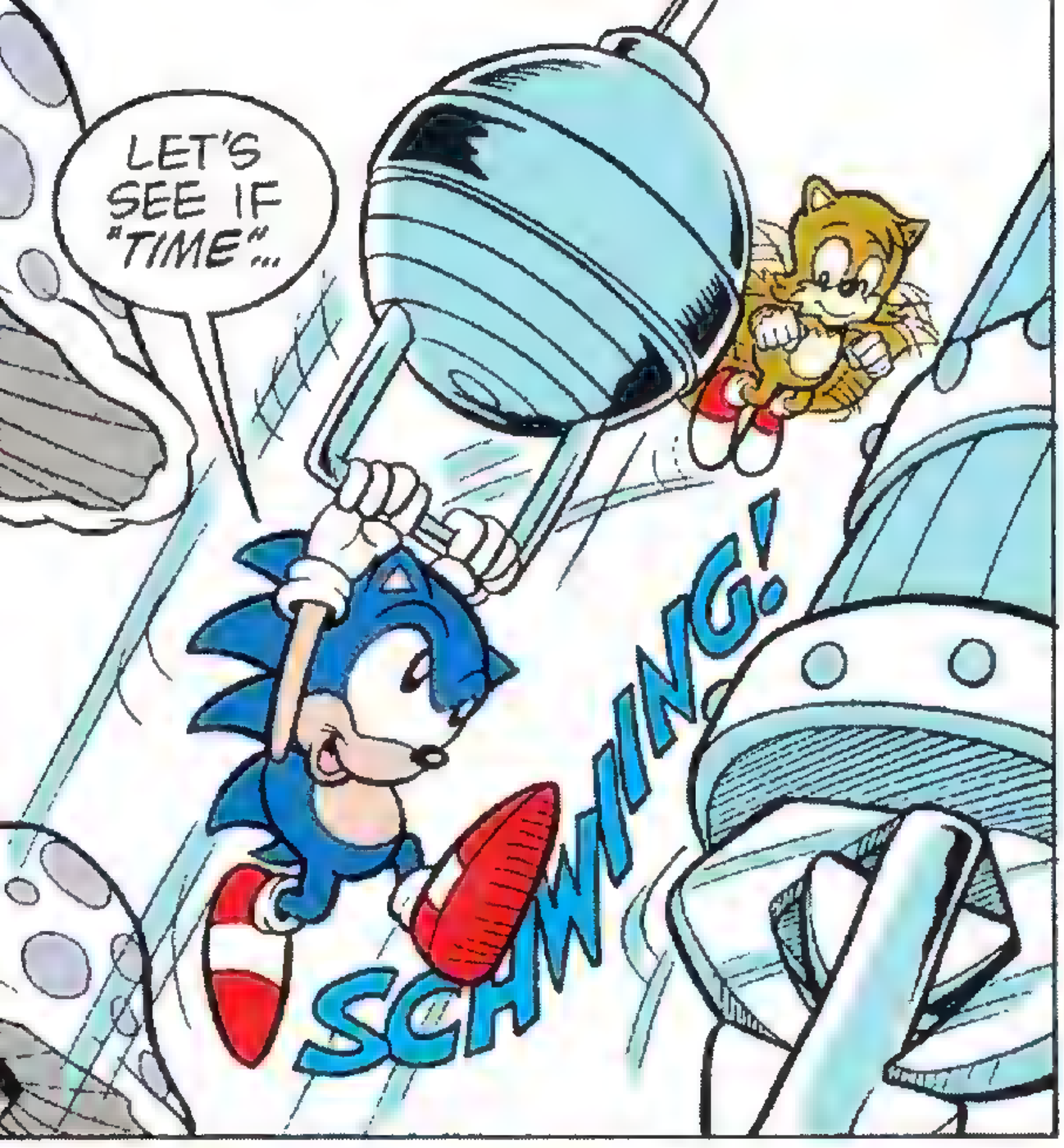
LOOK!
A HEDGEHOG!
YUM!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH HIM?
BOIL THAT DUST-SPECK!
NO! BARBECUE HIM!
YEAH...
BARBECUE!
BARBECUE!
HUH?
WHA--?



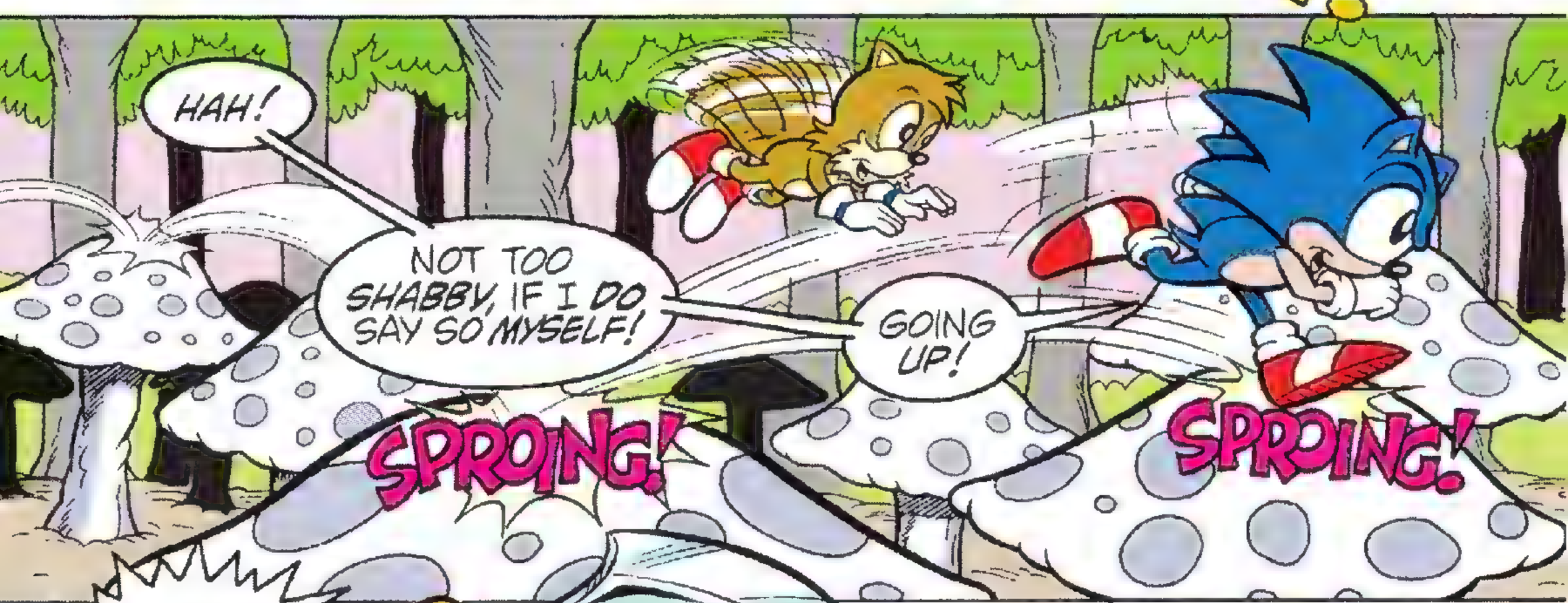
SONIC? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YEAH... ...MUST HAVE BEEN SOMETHING I ATE!

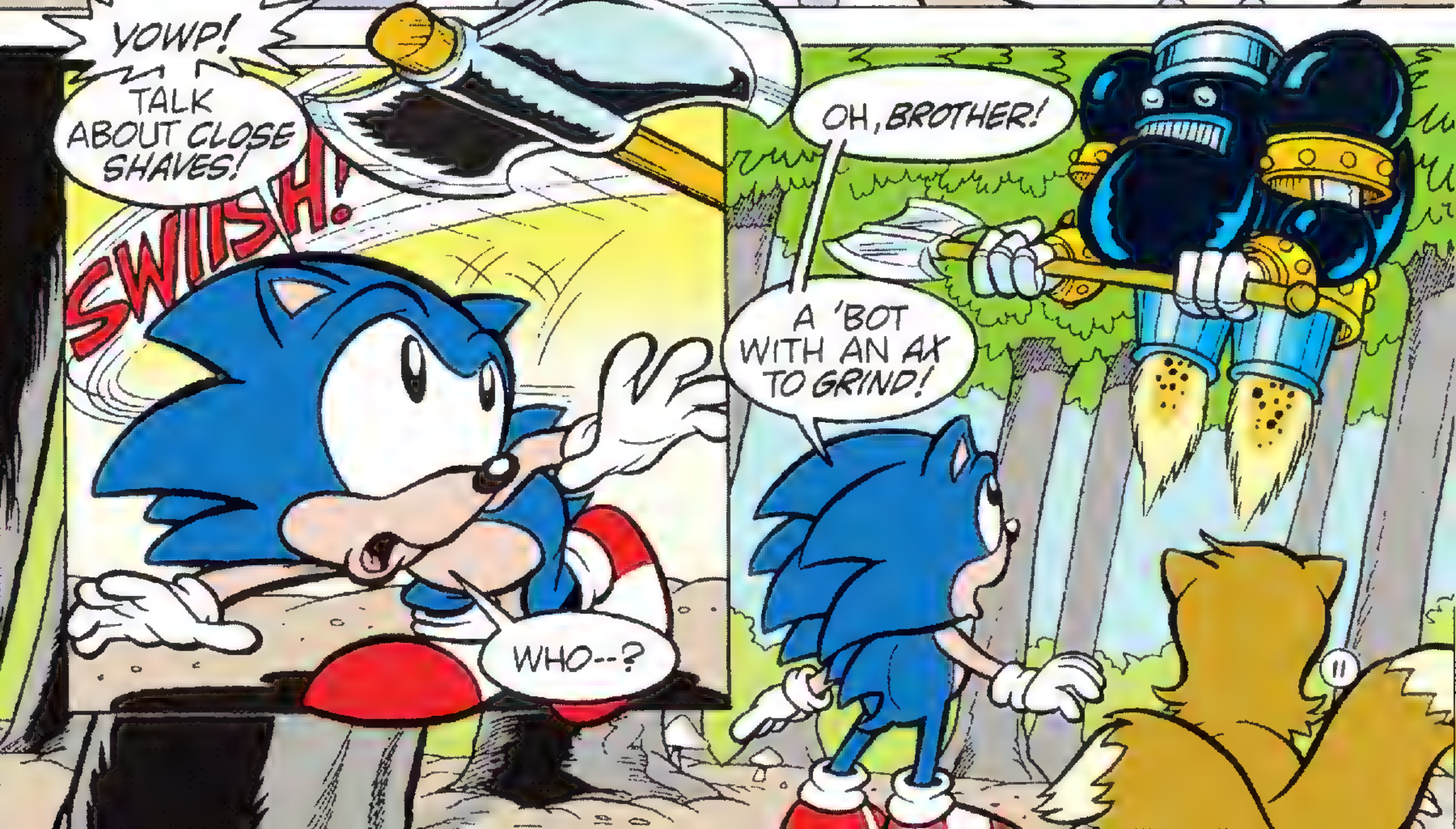
NO...
...YOU JUST GOT CLOCKED BY ONE OF THOSE PENDULUMS!

PENDULUMS, HUH?


LET'S SEE IF "TIME"...
SCHWIING!

...CAN BE MADE TO WORK IN OUR FAVOR!
THOOOMP!


HAH!
NOT TOO SHABBY, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF!
GOING UP!
SPROING!
SPROING!


YOWP!
TALK ABOUT CLOSE SHAVES!
SWIISH!
WHO--?
OH, BROTHER!
A 'BOT WITH AN AX TO GRIND!

CAREFUL WHERE YOU SWING THAT THING, TIN MAN!

SWOOSH

'CAUSE WHAT GOES AROUND...

...COMES AROUND!

WA-THOOM!

YOU SURE PUT HIM IN HIS PLACE!

YEAH-- THE SCRAP HEAP!

HOPE THERE AREN'T ANY MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM!

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, TAILS...

...BUT I'M GETTING PRETTY SICK OF HAVING THE RUG PULLED OUT FROM UNDER--
HEY!
FLOOMPH!
HAAAAIL!
ME AND MY BIG MOUTH!
UHNG!
LUCKY I MANAGED TO SNAG THIS LEDGE...
WHUUUMPH!
...OR I WOULD'VE BEEN IN DEEP, DEEP TROUBLE!
WHO SAYS YOU'RE NOT?
HI, THERE!
MISS ME?
WHO'S THE MYSTERIOUS STRANGER? WE'LL GIVE YOU ONE GUESS!

SONIC & KNUCKLES™ IN PANIC IN THE SKY!

PART II

KNUCKLES!

FIGURED YOU'D SHOW YOUR UGLY MUG SOONER OR LATER!

HOW'S IT GOING?!

OH, CAN'T COMPLAIN! --EXCEPT I HATE TRESPASSERS WHO TRY TO TURN MY HOME INTO A WAR ZONE...

...BUT YOU ALREADY KNEW THAT!

THIS IS YOUR SECOND OFFENSE! AND... FAR AS I'M CONCERNED...

...YOU CAN TAKE THE FALL!

KER-RUUUUNCH!

HEY, MOLDILOCKS!

WHA--?

I GOT TH' DROP ON YA!

UH-OH...

KER-RAAAKT!

WHOOPS!
SORRY ABOUT THAT, SONIC!
I WAS AIMING AT HIM!
OOF! WHOSE SIDE IS THE LITTLE GUY ON?
THUMP!
MINE...
UHNF!
BUMP!
...I THINK!
WHUMP!
THAT'S NICE...
FSSSSSS
BURBLE! BURBLE! GLOOP! GLEEP!
THWUMP!
...'CAUSE YOU'RE GONNA NEED ALL THE HELP YOU CAN GET!

UH--KNUCKLES? I THINK WE'RE *BOTH* GONNA NEED SOME HELP! THIS *BLOCK*... IS REALLY *ROCKIN'*!

NOT TO *WORRY*, PEOPLE...

RRRRRUUMMBBLLLLLL

SHOOOOOM!

...'CAUSE WE ARE *OUTTA* HERE!

THANKS, PAL!

REMEMBER WHAT I SAID ABOUT BEING "*PIGGY-BACKED*"?

FORGET IT!

YEAH, THANKS, *PAL!* I'M *PRETTY GOOD* AT FLYING AND GLIDING -- BUT I DIDN'T KNOW IF I COULD GET ENOUGH *ALTITUDE!*

HOWEVER, I STILL HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO *PROTECT* MY HOME FROM *INTRUDERS!*

AGREED! BUT *WE'RE* NOT THE *ENEMY!*

LOOK! UP IN THE *SKY*...

...AND YOU'LL GET THE BIG PICTURE!

IT'S FULL OF STARS...

...ALL OF THEM IN THE WRONG PLACES!

THAT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU!

YOUR ISLAND...

...HAS BEEN HIJACKED!

BY NOW, WE'RE OVER KNOTHOLE VILLAGE--'COURSE IT'S DARK, SO NOBODY'D NOTICE!

SOMEONE'S REFITTED THE UNDERSIDE OF YOUR ISLAND WITH ENGINES...AND GUNS!

THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE!

D'OH!

FOOLED AGAIN! THE FLOATING ISLAND HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A FLYING FORTRESS!

BUT WHO--?

WELL, THEY WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT!

FASTEN YOUR SEAT-BELTS...

FWIP!

ZOOT CHUTE
EASY ACCESS TO THE CHAOS CHAMBER
WATCH YOUR STEP!

SWOOSH!!!

...IT'S GONNA BE A BUMPY NIGHT!
WH-WHERE ARE WE?
THE CHAOS CHAMBER.. A CRYSTAL CAVERN WHERE THE FORCES OF OUR CHAOS EMERALD ARE REDIRECTED AND AMPLIFIED TO KEEP THE ISLAND AFLOAT! YOU'RE THE FIRST OUTLANDERS TO SEE IT!

HATE TO BREAK THIS TO YOU...BUT WE MAY NOT BE THE FIRST!
ENERGY SYPHONS? DRAWING POWER FROM THE EMERALD?!

THESE WEREN'T HERE BEFORE!
I WONDER WHERE THEY--

ZZZORRCH!
GOOD EVENING, GENTLEMEN!
I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU!
ROBOTNIK!
I ALWAYS WANTED SOMEONE TO BRING ME YOUR HEAD... BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

SPILL IT, 'BOT-BREATH!

WHY'D YOU TURN THIS ISLAND INTO AN AIR SPACE BATTLESHIP?

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

NO--OF COURSE NOT...

"...FOR ONLY I HAVE THE VISION TO RECOGNIZE THE FLOATING ISLAND'S VAST UNTAPPED STRATEGIC MILITARY POTENTIAL!"

"SINCE DISCOVERING ITS EXISTENCE, LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF HOURS HAVE BEEN DEVOTED TO OPERATION: FLYING DESTROYER!

"PHASE ONE INVOLVED ATTACHING A MOBILE COMMAND BASE TO THE ISLAND'S FOUNDATION...

THWOCK!

"...AND UNLEASHING A SERIES OF PARADROIDS--COMPLEX, AUTOMATED MECHANISMS DESIGNED TO REFASHION ITS SHAPE FROM TROPICAL PARADISE...

WHRRR KLAKETA-KLAKETA-KLAKETA-K-CHUNG!

"...TO ENGINE OF DESTRUCTION!"

RECESSED SHOCK CANNONS

ME

YOU

ENERGY SYPHONS

CHAOS EMERALD

RETRO-FITTED ENGINES

MODULAR COMMAND CENTER

CHAOS CHAMBER

"AND SPEAKING OF 'ENGINES'...

"USING POWER FROM THE CHAOS EMERALD TO FUEL THEM...

"...I BEGAN TO MOVE MY FRESHLY-ARMED WEAPON OF WAR DUE EAST...

"...TOWARD KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!"

KNOTHOLE VILLAGE

PROJECTED TRAJECTORY

FLOATING ISLAND

"IN MERE MOMENTS-- ONCE THE ISLAND IS DIRECTLY OVERHEAD-- THE SHOCK-CANNONS MOUNTED ALONG ITS UNDERSIDE SHALL FIRE!

"AND THEN..."

K-CHUNG!

WHRRR

K-CHUKT!

K-CHUKT!

K-CHUKT!

FWA-VOOOOOM!

HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA

I OWE YOU A DEBT, ECHIDNA! IF YOU HADN'T KEPT THESE TWO OCCUPIED, THEY MIGHT HAVE ARRIVED IN TIME TO SAVE THE DAY--AS ALWAYS!
BUT, WITH THE ISLAND ALREADY IN POSITION...
...THERE'S NOTHING THEY OR ANYONE ELSE CAN DO TO STOP ME!

HE'S RIGHT! I MESSED UP! THIS IS ALL MY FAULT!
AS THE ISLAND'S GUARDIAN, I CAN'T ALLOW IT TO BE USED THIS WAY...

...REGARDLESS OF THE PERSONAL COST!

WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
EXACTLY WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE, CHUMP! WHEN IT COMES TO WAR MACHINES, YOU MAY MAKE 'EM...

...BUT I CAN BREAK 'EM!
SKA-RAAAASH!

N-N-N-NOW WHAT?
IT'S SIMPLE, SIMON!
WITHOUT THE CHAOS EMERALD TO KEEP US ALOFT...
RRRRUUUL...MMBBLLLL

"...WE'RE HEADIN' FOR A FALL!"

MASTER-WE-ARE-FALLING!

BUCKET HEAD! I REALIZE THAT!

WE-WILL-BREAK-UP-IN--

NO!-- WE'RE BREAKING OFF!

KLIKT!

THE FOOL!

HE FORGOT THEY WERE EIGHT MILES HIGH!

NOW KNOTHOLE VILLAGE WILL BE DESTROYED...

...WITHOUT ME HAVING TO FIRE A SINGLE SHOT!

HA HA HA HA HA

IS HE GONE?

OH, HE'S GONE ALL RIGHT!

REAL GONE!

GOOD!

HUH? ANOTHER CHAOS EMERALD?

POP!

HOW--?

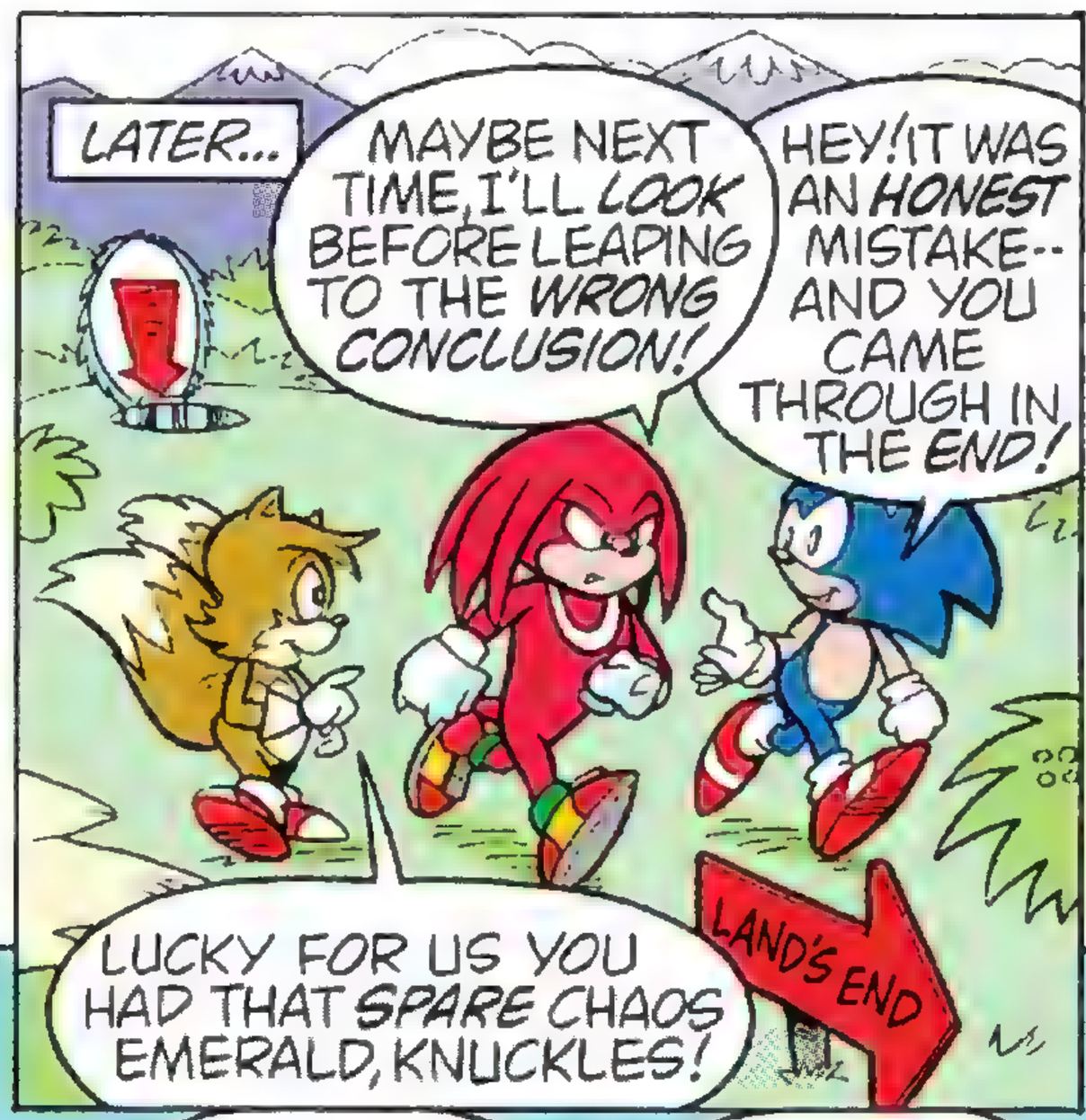
DIDN'T YOUR MAMA EVER TELL YA, BLUE-BOY?

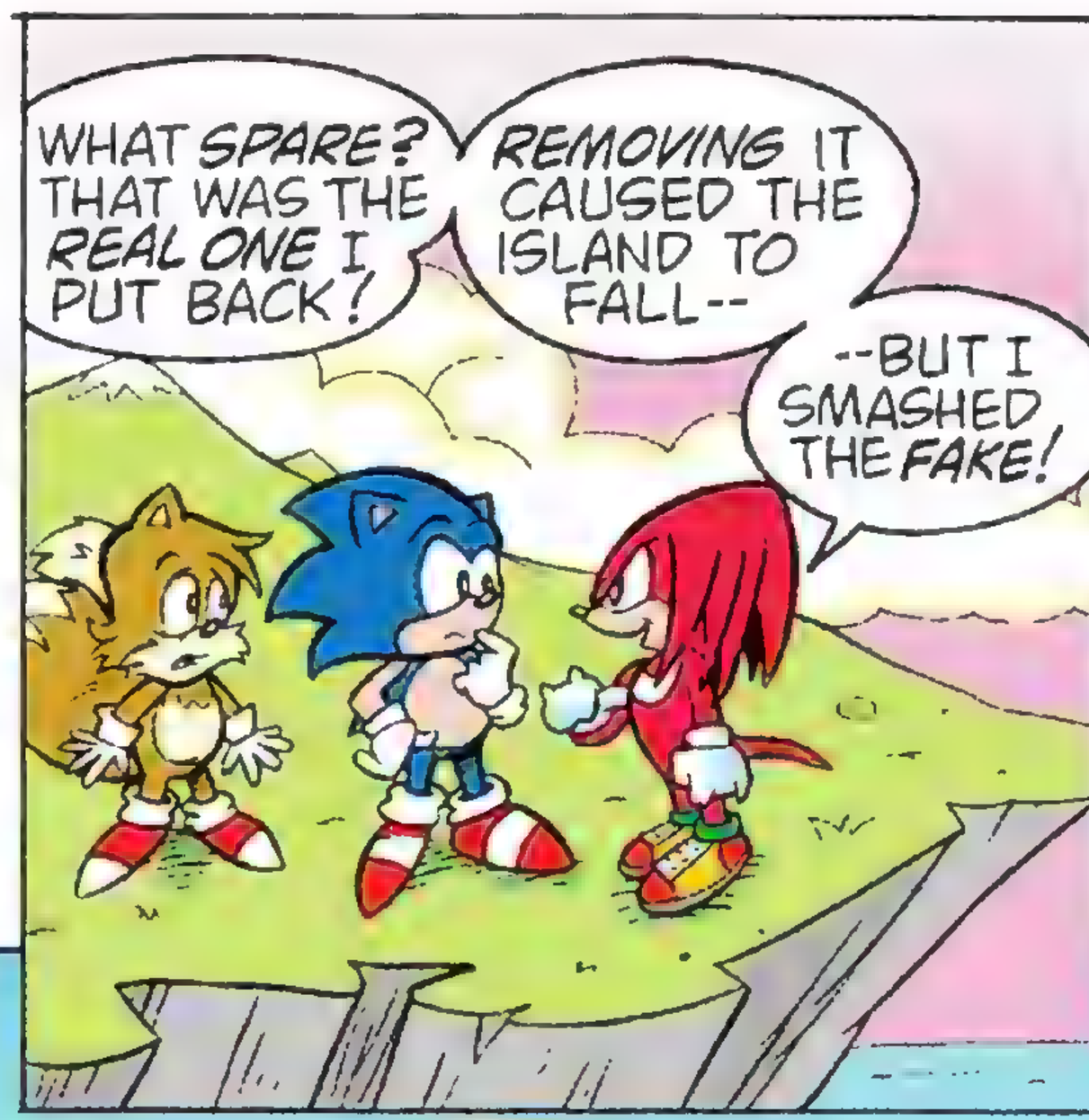
ALWAYS CARRY A SPARE...

SKA-REEEEEEEEEEEEEE

"...AND DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT!"

WHEW!


LATER...
MAYBE NEXT TIME, I'LL LOOK BEFORE LEAPING TO THE WRONG CONCLUSION!
HEY! IT WAS AN HONEST MISTAKE-- AND YOU CAME THROUGH IN THE END!
LUCKY FOR US YOU HAD THAT SPARE CHAOS EMERALD, KNUCKLES!
LAND'S END


WHAT SPARE? THAT WAS THE REAL ONE I PUT BACK!
REMOVING IT CAUSED THE ISLAND TO FALL--
--BUT I SMASHED THE FAKE!

I DIDN'T SEE YOU MAKE THE SWITCH!
NEITHER DID ROBOTNIK!
SAY, WHY DON'T YOU PARK YOUR ISLAND HERE AND JOIN US?
NO WAY! I'VE GOT MY OWN PROBLEMS--AND RESPONSIBILITIES!

SUIT YOURSELF...
... BUT DON'T BE A STRANGER!

SONIC! TAILS! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

WHERE'S KNUCKLES?

YOU JUST MISSED HIM, PRINCESS!

HE AND THE FLOATING ISLAND ARE SHIPPING OUT FOR PARTS UNKNOWN!

AND ONCE HE GETS WHERE HE'S GOING, HE'S GOING TO GET RID OF ROBOTNIK'S SNAP-ON ACCESSORIES!

TOO BAD.

WELL, THAT'S ONE LESS WEAPON OF WAR WE'LL HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT!

BUT WHAT OF KNUCKLES?

THINK HE'LL EVER JOIN THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS?

I DOUBT IT, SAL!

I THINK NOW AND FOREVER...

...HE'S ON HIS OWN!

THE END

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KNUCKLES™

IN

FIRE DRILL

A QUIET DAY ON THE *FLOATING ISLAND*...

KA-THOOOM!

WHAT WAS *THAT*?! SOME *DUDE* STARTING TROUBLE ON *MY* TURF?

SOUNDS LIKE IT CAME FROM THE BEACH!

I'D BETTER *WING* IT OVER THERE -- *REAL FAST!*

WHA--?

NOBODY'S HERE! JUST A *CRATER!*

WHOEVER IT WAS MUST'VE TOOK OFF OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND--

--HOPING THEY WOULDN'T BE SPOTTED BY THE TOP DOG!

...OR I SHOULD SAY-- TOP ECHIDNA!

WELL, IF THIS GUY THINKS HE'S A GENIUS--

--HE BETTER GO BACK TO PRESCHOOL!

WHAT A DUMMY!

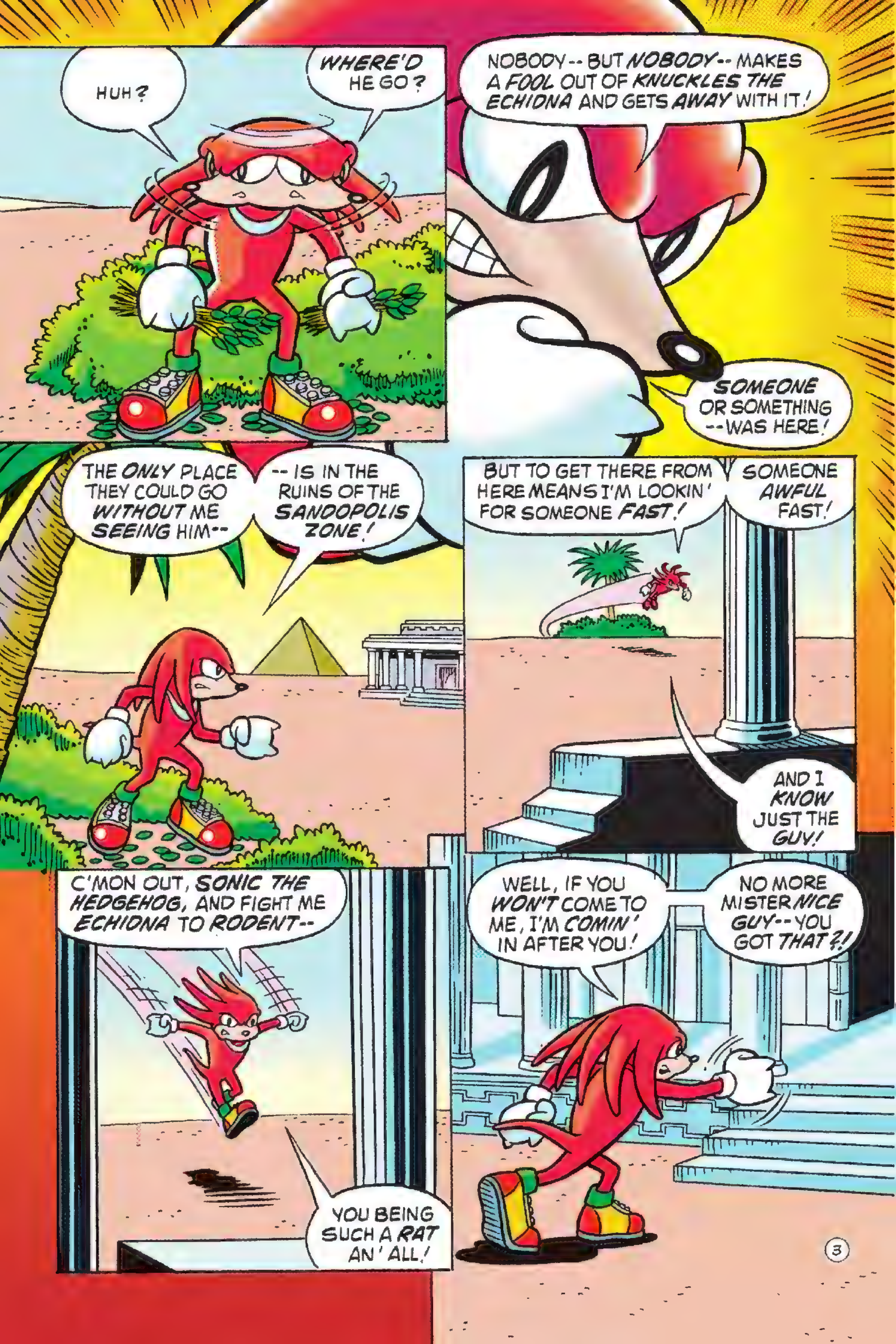
GOES AN' LEAVES HIS FOOTPRINTS ALL OVER THE PLACE!

I COULD FOLLOW 'IM IN MY SLEEP!

A BLIND PERSON COULD SEE THEY LEAD RIGHT TO--

THERE!

GOTCHA!!


HUH?
WHERE'D HE GO?
NOBODY -- BUT NOBODY -- MAKES A FOOL OUT OF KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA AND GETS AWAY WITH IT!
SOMEONE OR SOMETHING --WAS HERE!
THE ONLY PLACE THEY COULD GO WITHOUT ME SEEING HIM--
-- IS IN THE RUINS OF THE SANDOPOLIS ZONE!
BUT TO GET THERE FROM HERE MEANS I'M LOOKIN' FOR SOMEONE FAST!
SOMEONE AWFUL FAST!
AND I KNOW JUST THE GUY!
C'MON OUT, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, AND FIGHT ME ECHIDNA TO RODENT--
YOU BEING SUCH A RAT AN' ALL!
WELL, IF YOU WON'T COME TO ME, I'M COMIN' IN AFTER YOU!
NO MORE MISTER NICE GUY--YOU GOT THAT?!

AND I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU PAY FOR DRAGGIN' ME INTO THE DARK!
OOOO, HOW I HATE THE DARK!
SNAKT!
HUH?
KER-RAAAA-ASH!
AWWP!
THAT'S IT! THAT'S IT.!!!
SO YOU WANNA PLAY HIDE 'N' SEEK, EH?
I GOT A BETTER GAME--
I CALL IT "A FISTFUL OF KNUCKLES"!
SO IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU--
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--YOU'LL DO THIS EASY OR I'LL *REALLY* BRING THE HOUSE *DOWN* ON YOU!

YOU CAN'T *HIDE* FROM ME FOR LONG!

DON'T YOU KNOW--

--I'M THE *GUARDIAN* OF THIS ISLAND?!

YOU *CAN'T* MESS AROUND WHILE I'M ON WATCH!

YE-OWD!

WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?!

SOMETHIN' FUNNY'S *GOIN'* ON HERE!!

THE PROBLEM *IS*-- HOW COME I'M *NOT* LAUGHIN'?

THUD!

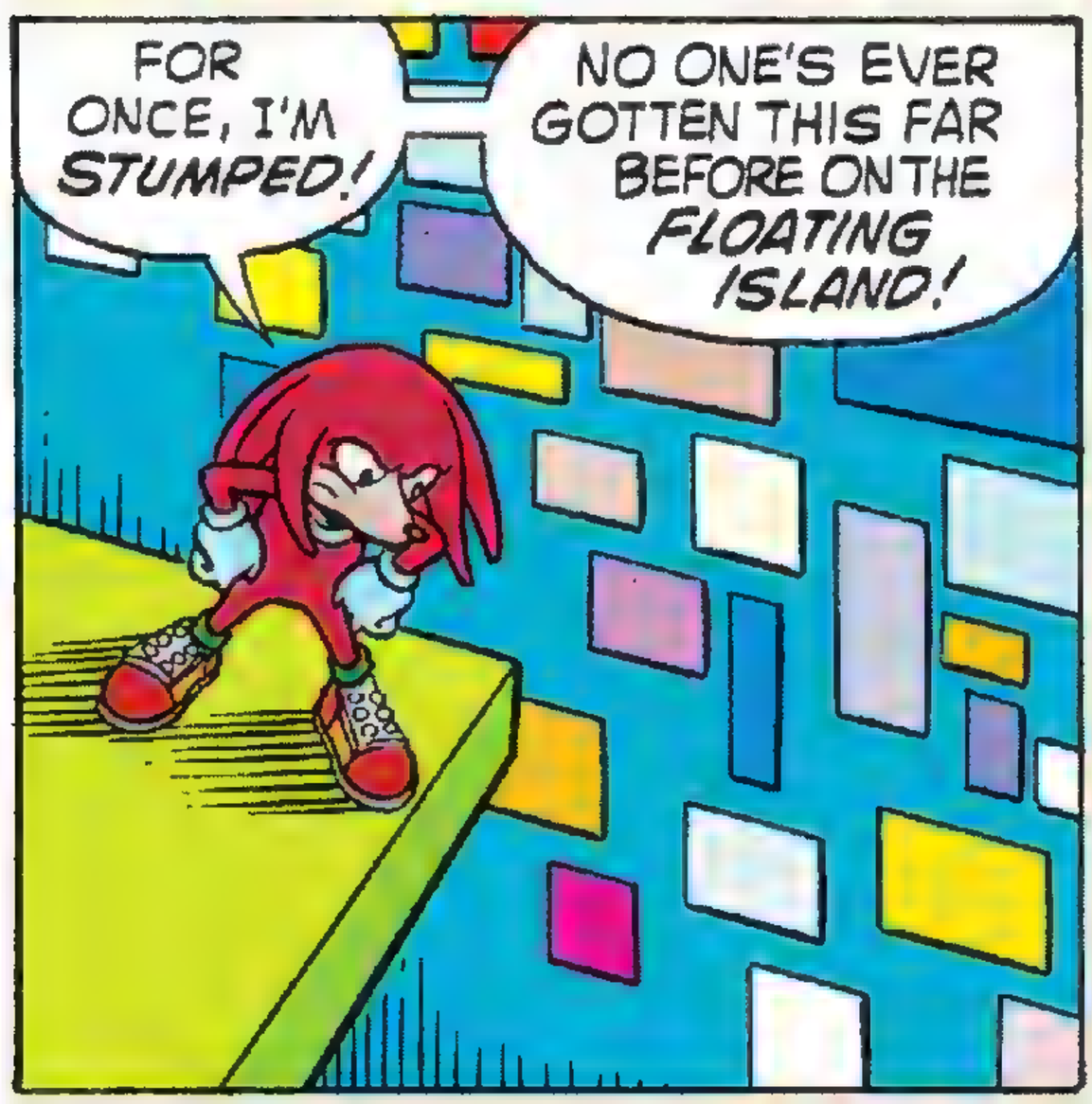
WELL, ISN'T *THIS* SPECIAL!

THE *WALL* REVEALS IT'S A *DOOR*!

SINCE THERE'S *NO* WAY *ANYONE* COULD'VE GOTTEN *PAST* ME--

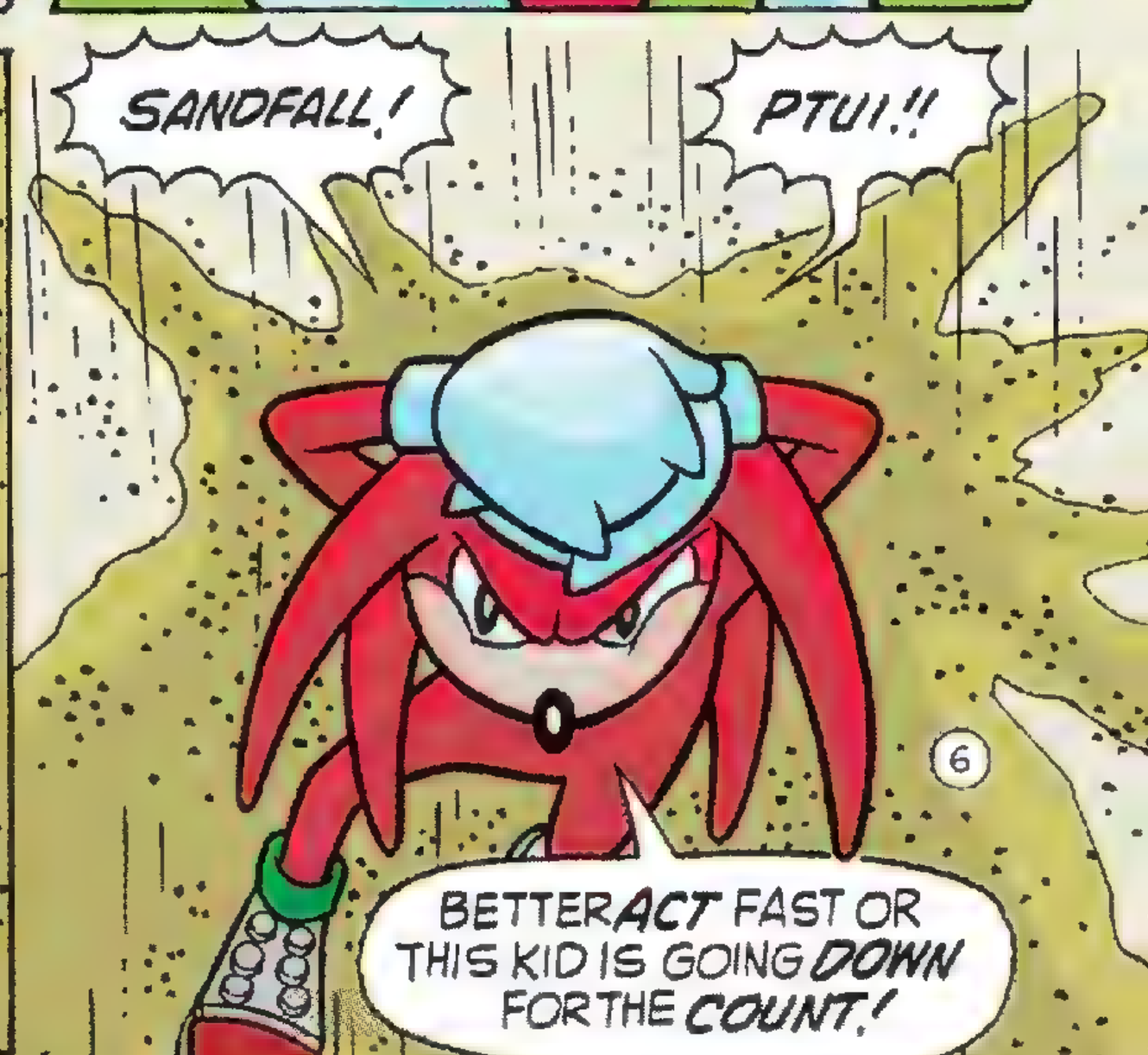
--IT LOOKS LIKE THIS IS MY BEST OPTION!
I JUST WISH FATHER HAD TAUGHT ME MORE ABOUT THIS PLACE!

THIS PLACE IS FAR OUT!
IT'S LIKE ENTERING ANOTHER WORLD!


FOR ONCE, I'M STUMPED!
NO ONE'S EVER GOTTEN THIS FAR BEFORE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!

I MAY KNOW MORE ABOUT THE ISLAND THAN ANYONE ELSE--
--BUT I GUESS DAD FORGOT TO FILL ME IN ON THIS SECRET PLACE!

I BET I'M GOING WHERE NO ECHIDNA HAS GONE BEF---!
WOOF!


SANDFALL!
PTUI!!
BETTER ACT FAST OR THIS KID IS GOING DOWN FOR THE COUNT!

I'M FLYIN' BLIND-- BUT IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE!

I DID IT!

DIDN'T GET ME FAR THOUGH!

ANOTHER WALL!

THE KNUCKLES EXPRESS IS COMIN' RIGHT THROUGH!

AND STILL NO VILLAIN IN SIGHT!

MAYBE HE DIDN'T ESCAPE FROM THE SANDFALLS AFTER ALL!

KER-BAM!

WRONG, FRIEND!

SOMEHOW, HE GOT OUT!

THE CHASE IS ON!

ONLY NOW--

IT'S PERSONAL!

I'M GOING TO GET YOU!

I STILL THINK IT'S THAT CREEP SONIC!
I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE ELSE THIS FAST OR LUCKY!
IT'S GOT TO BE SONIC MESSING AROUND!
THE TRAIL LEADS TO THE ISLAND'S EDGE!
--EXCEPT FOR YOURS TRULY!
NOWHERE ELSE TO GO, BUT DOWN!
GOOD RIDDANCE!
JUST WAIT'LL NEXT TIME, MISTER HEDGEHOG--
--I'LL BE THE ONE WITH THE SURPRISES!
NOT QUITE, MY BOY...
THIS WAS ONLY YOUR FIRST LESSON AND I CAN SEE ALREADY YOU HAVE A LOT TO LEARN!
CLASS IS NOW IN SESSION...
THIS ISN'T THE END, DEAR READER! BOTH YOU AND KNUCKLES HAVE PLENTY OF SURPRISES IN STORE AT THE HANDS OF OUR MYSTERIOUS FRIEND! FIND OUT MORE IN UPCOMING ISSUES!

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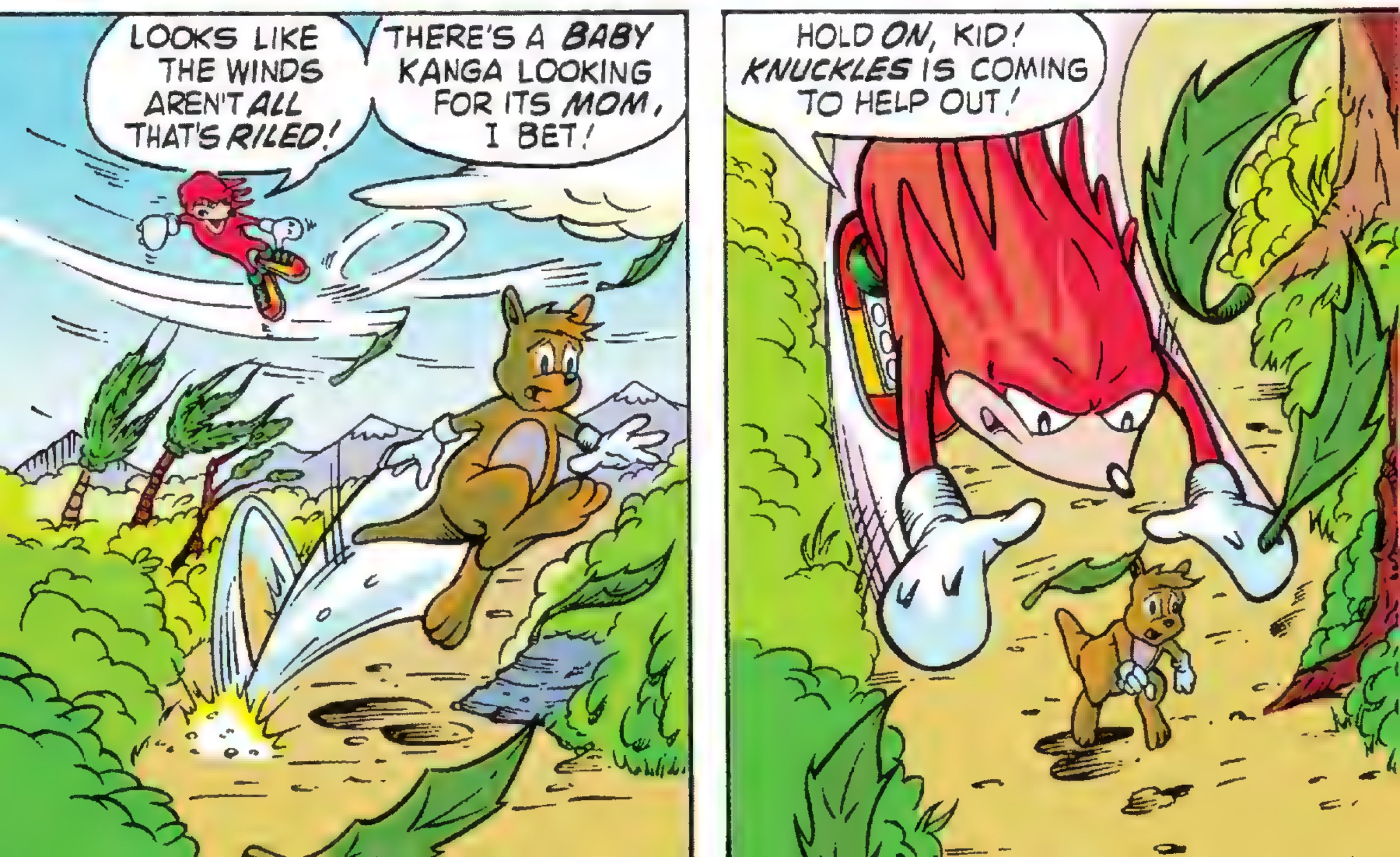
THE *WINDS* ARE REALLY *HOWLING* TODAY!

ALL OF A SUDDEN, I'M FLYING THE *NOT-SO-FRIENDLY* SKIES!



I WANT MY MOMMA!
EASY, KID! I WON'T LET YOU GET HURT!
I CAN'T FLY IN THESE WINDS WITH YOU WIGGLING AROUND!
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LAND!
OKAY!
THAT'S BETTER! I GUESS THE ONCOMING STORM IS STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT!
IS THAT WHY IT'S DARKER?
I GUESS! IT'S NEVER BEEN THIS DARK THIS TIME OF DAY!
BY THE WAY, THE NAME'S KNUCKLES!
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE!
YOU DO?
YES! MOMMY TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU!
SHE SAID THAT YOU WATCHED OVER EVERYONE ON THE ISLAND!
WELL, THAT'S PART OF WHAT I DO!
SO, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN BRING BACK THE SKY, TOO?
THE WHA--?

SEE? LOOK AT THE *SUN*! IT'S NOW *BLACK*!

NO, IT'S *NOT*! IT'S JUST AN *ILLUSION*--

--AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT MY *DAD* TOLD ME!

HE SAID, EVERY SO OFTEN, THE *MOON* ALIGNS ITSELF *BETWEEN* US AND THE *SUN*!

SINCE THE ISLAND *FLOATS* ALONG *AIR CURRENTS*, THE WIND RARELY BLOWS STRONGER THAN A *MILD BREEZE*!

BUT LATELY, THINGS HAVE BEEN *CHANGING*!

REALLY?

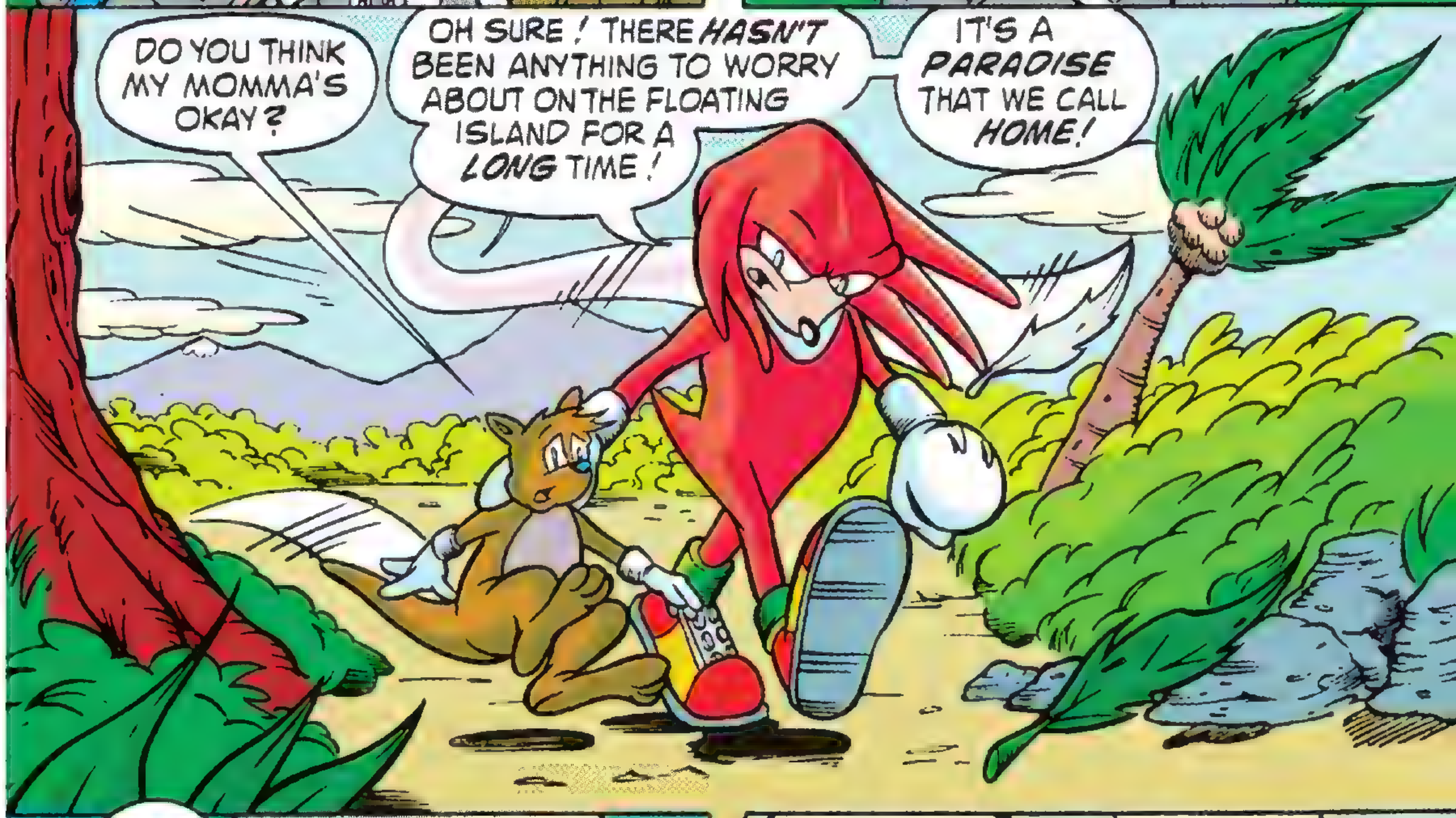
YEAH! IN FACT-- *HOLD IT*! THAT *SOUND*!

THUD! THUD! THUD!

LET'S GET TO *SAFETY*! IT'S A *THUNDERING* HERD OF *DINGOES*!

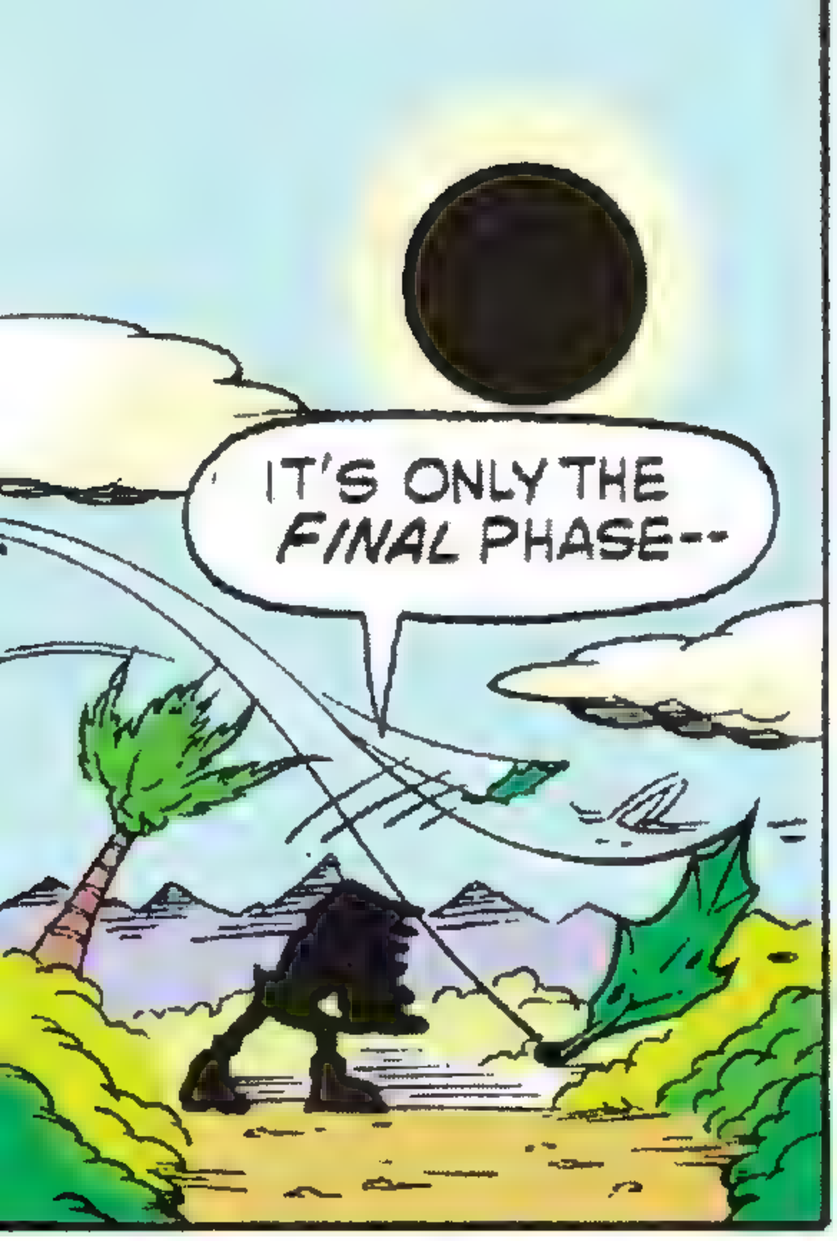
AREN'T THEY FRIENDLY?
USUALLY, BUT THE WEATHER'S UPSETTING THEM!

AND THERE THEY GO!
GO WHERE?
WHEREVER! BUT THEY CAN ONLY GO SO FAR ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!


DO YOU THINK MY MOMMA'S OKAY?
OH SURE! THERE HASN'T BEEN ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT ON THE FLOATING ISLAND FOR A LONG TIME!
IT'S A PARADISE THAT WE CALL HOME!

HOWEVER, WE SEEM TO KEEP GETTING VISITORS WHO'D LIKE TO CHANGE THAT!

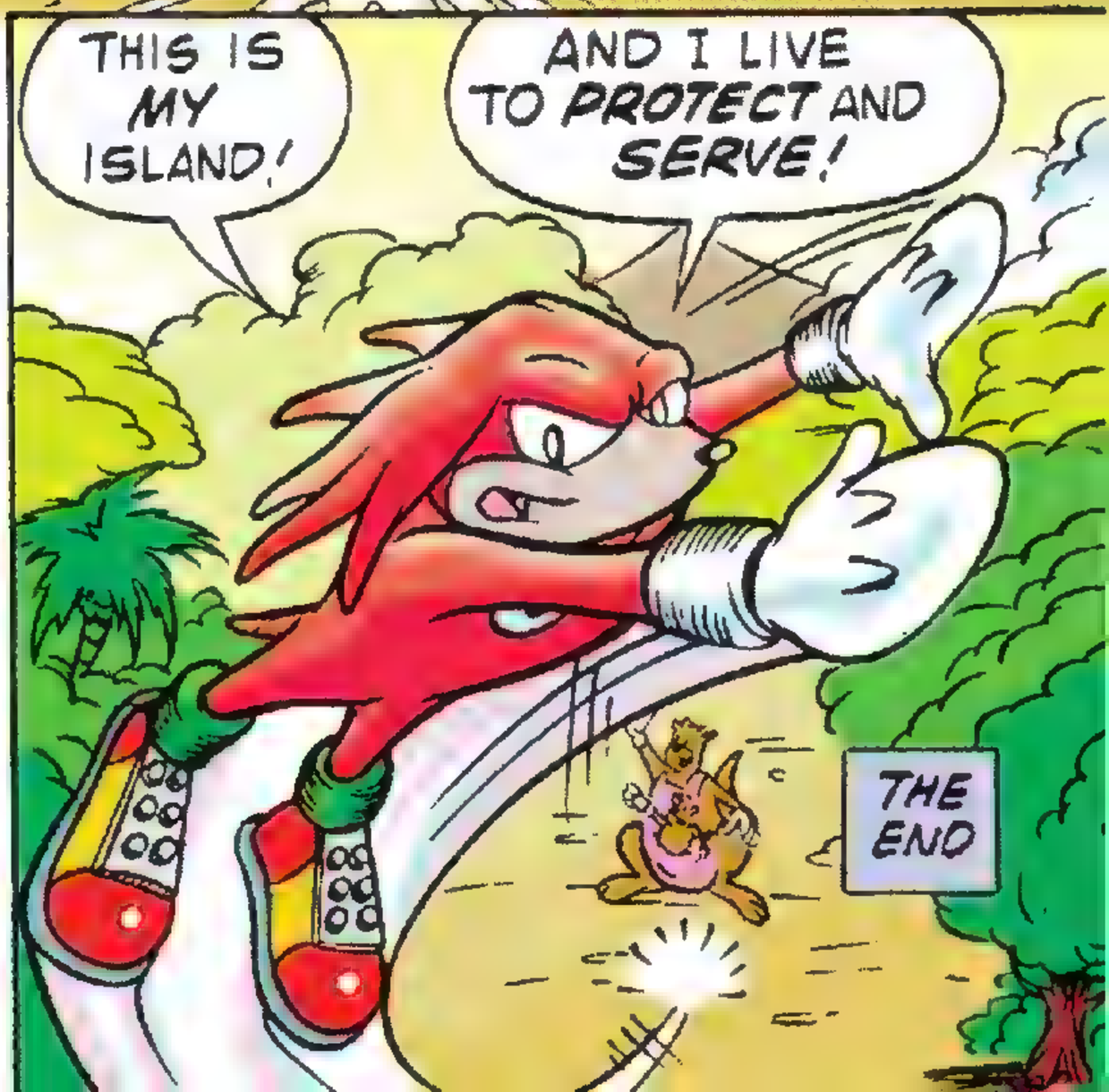
THE WIND'S STRONGER! I'M SCARED!
HANG ON TO ME!

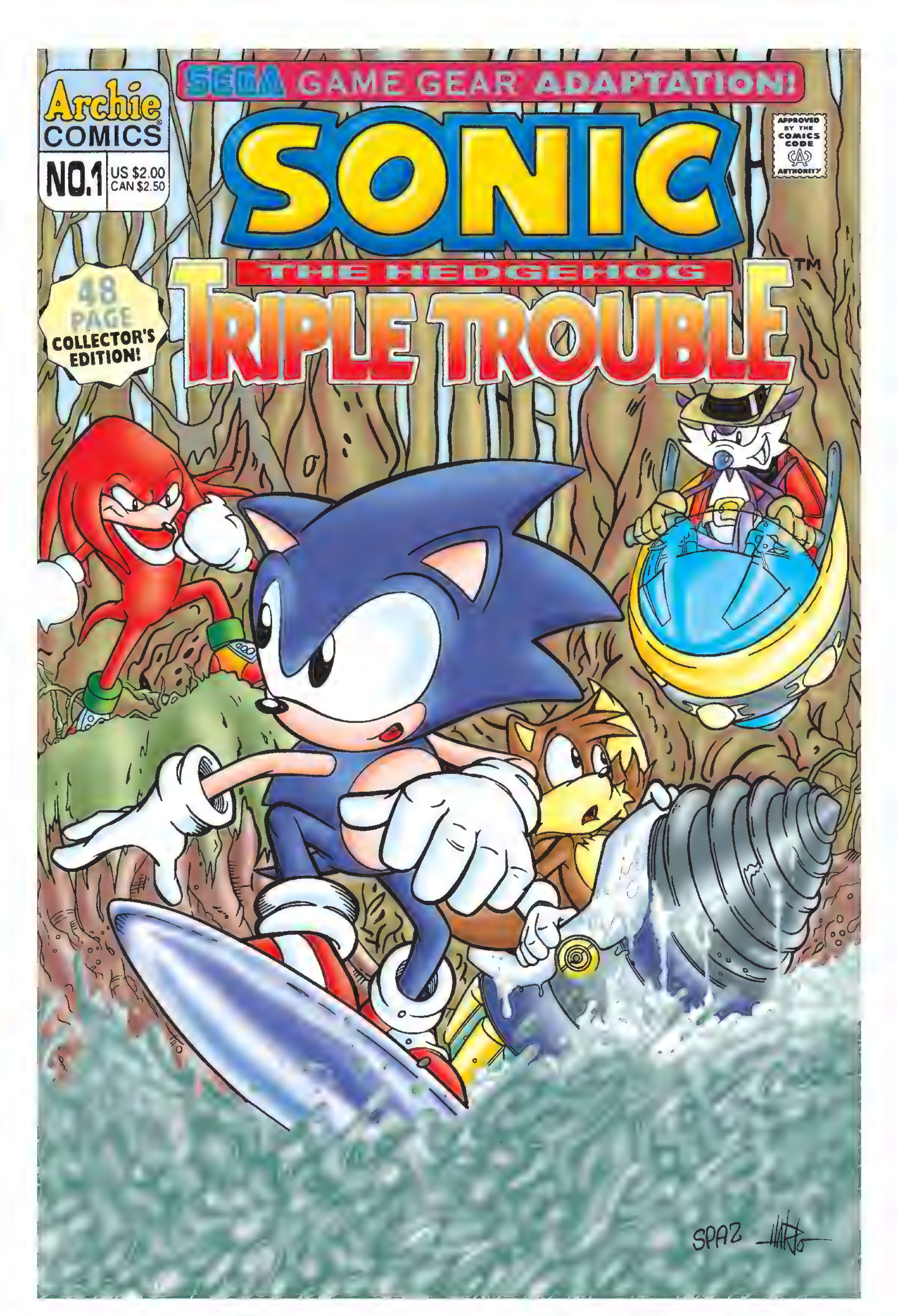


AND I THINK SOMEBODY JUST FOUND US!

MOMMA! MOMMA!

OH, BENJY! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

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PART I
" BEHOLD... A CHAOS EMERALD!
" THIS IS THE MOST POTENT FORM OF PURE ENERGY IN ALL THE UNIVERSE!
" BUT MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL... IT'S MINE!"

YES, THIS EMERALD BELONGS TO *IVO ROBOTNIK!*

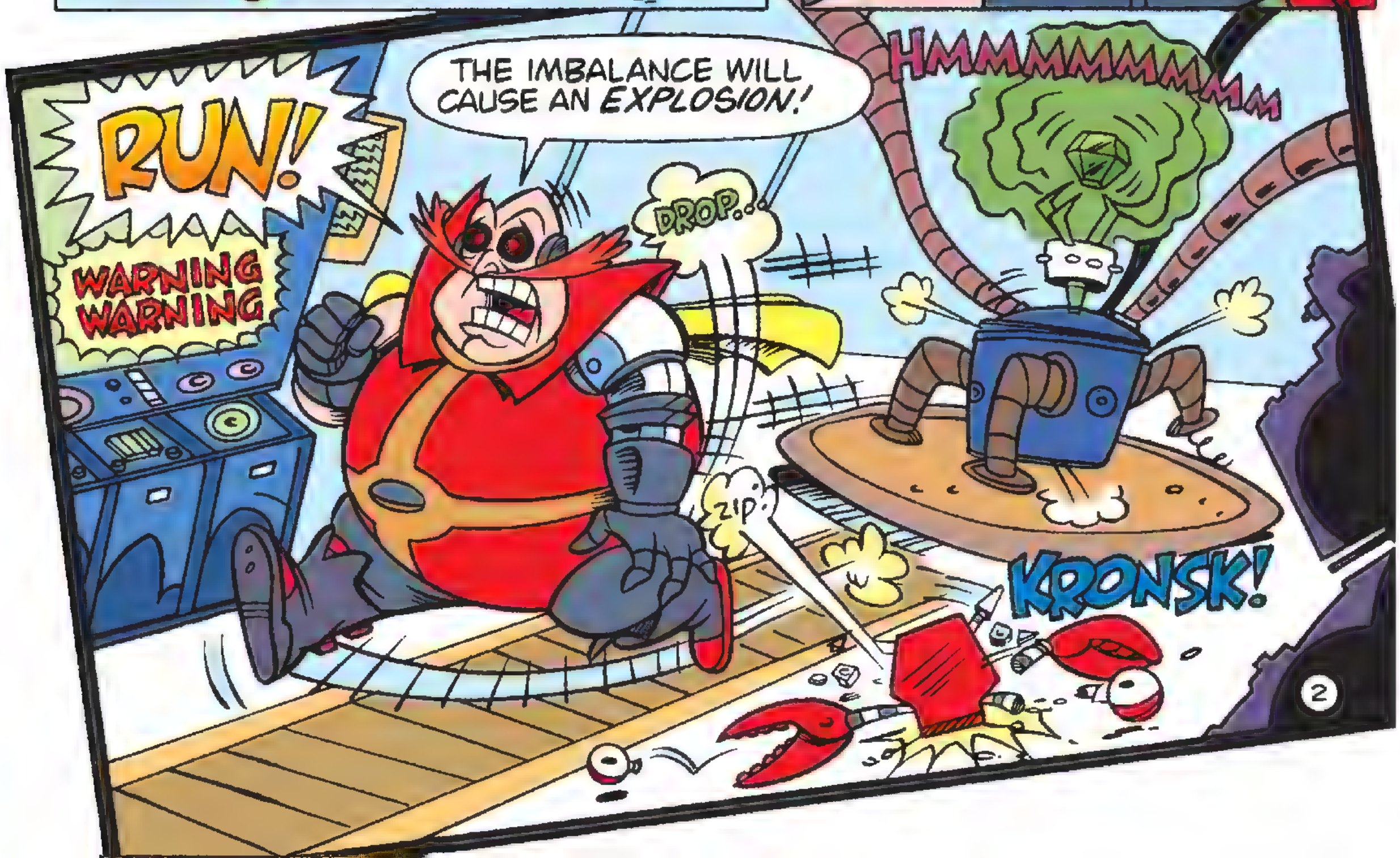
WITH IT, I SHALL RULE PLANET *MOBIUS!*

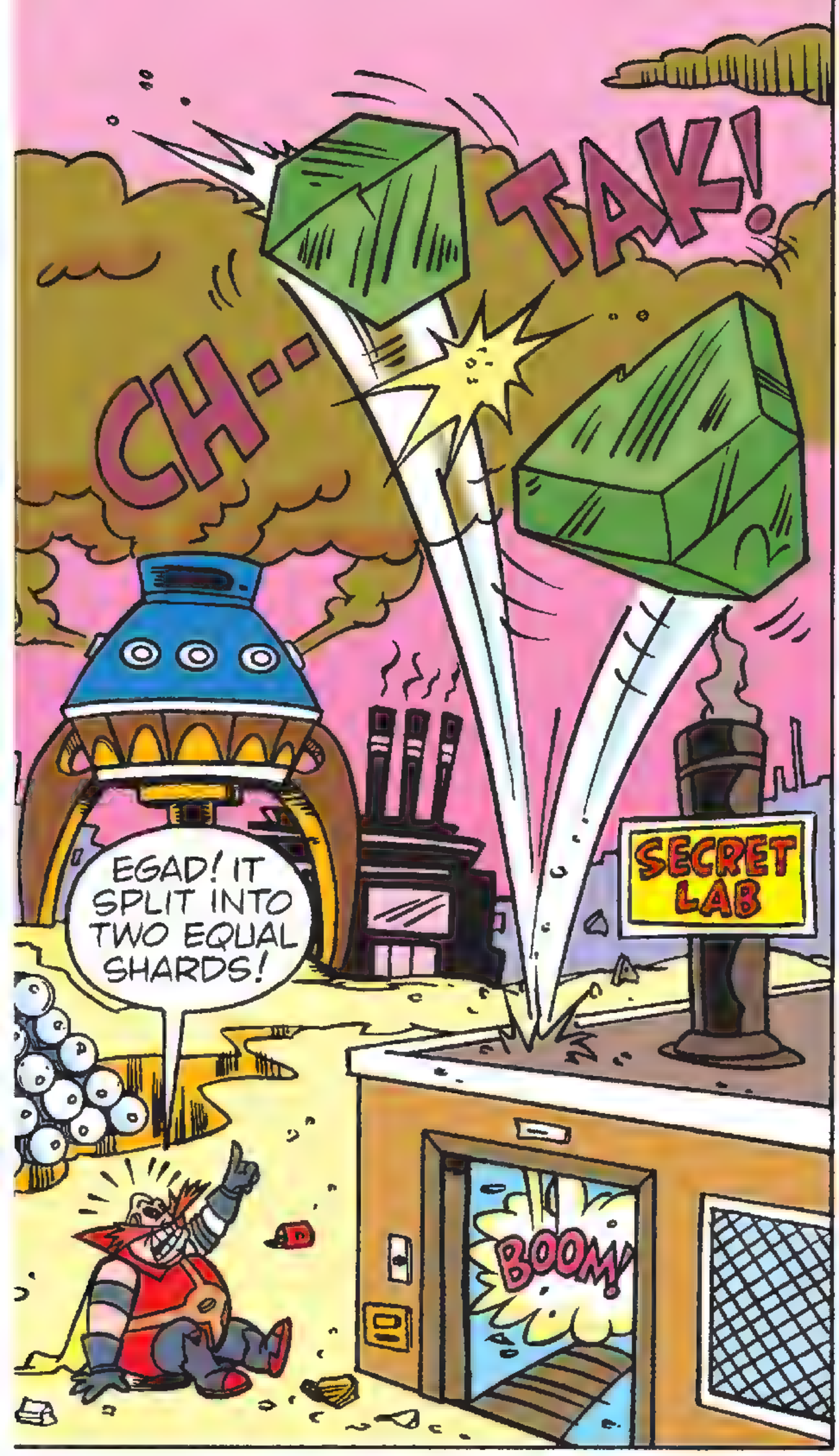
OBSERVE, CRABMEAT... I PLACE THE MYSTIC GEMSTONE ATOP MY THREE-PRONGED POWER INDUCER...

ULP!

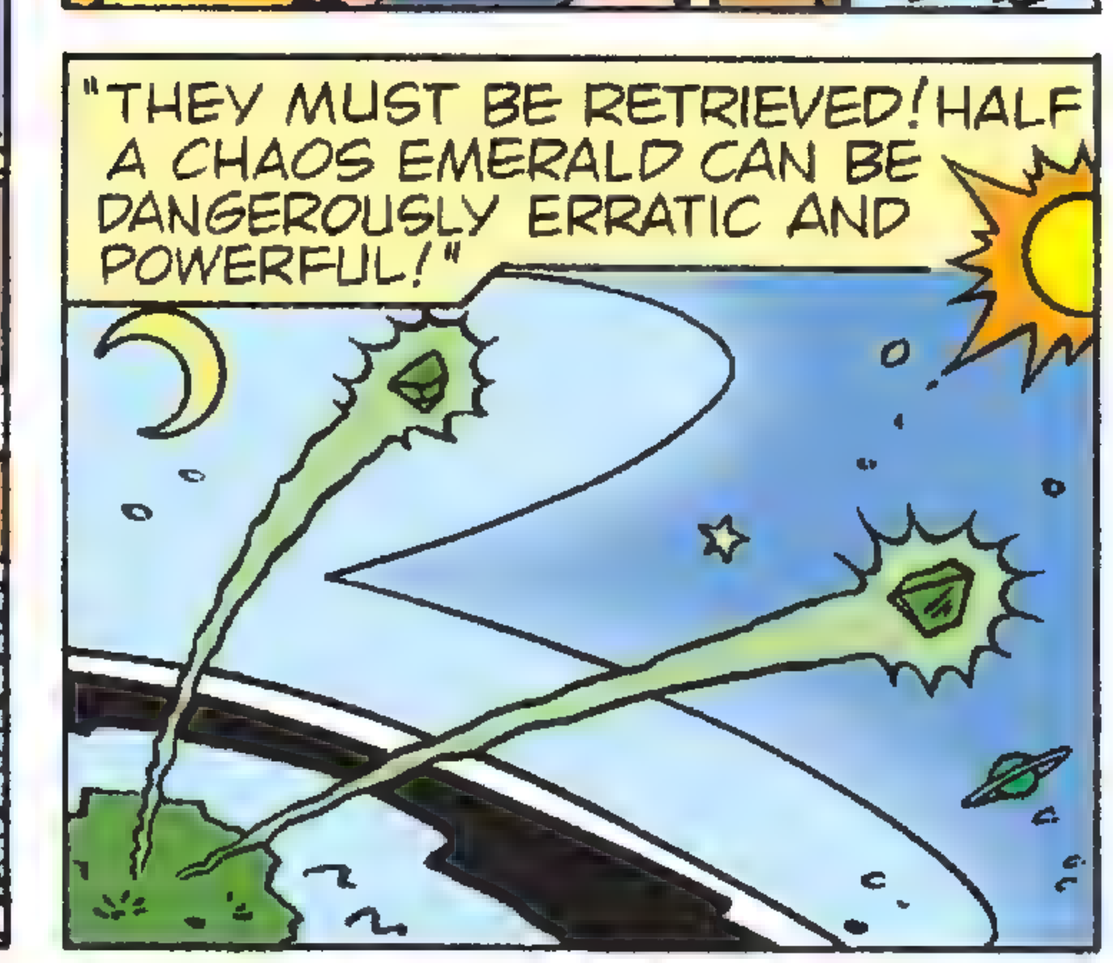
IT WILL DRIVE MY LARGEST AND MOST INEFFICIENT MEGA-ENGINE, POLLUTING THE GLOBE IN DAYS!

B-BUT, YOUR ROTUNDITY... I SET THE CONTROLS FOR A SIX-PRONGED INDUCER!




CH-
TAK!
EGAD! IT SPLIT INTO TWO EQUAL SHARDS!
SECRET LAB
BOOM!

THE PIECES ARE ROCKETING INTO ORBIT ON OPPOSITE VECTORS!
SHOOM


"THEY MUST BE RETRIEVED! HALF A CHAOS EMERALD CAN BE DANGEROUSLY ERRATIC AND POWERFUL!"

I MUST HAVE BOTH PIECES BACK! HELLO, CELLULAR OPERATOR? GET ME "BOUNTY HUNTERS 'Я' US"!
THE EMERALD CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO FALL INTO THE HANDS OF MY MOST HATED ENEMY...

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

I KNEW I'D FIND YOU IN THE KNOTHOLE KITCHEN!

YOU KNOW IT, TAILS! WANT A CHILI DOG?

NO... I WANT YOU TO FOLLOW ME TO THE CONTROL ROOM... ROTOR'S ON TO SOMETHING!

SURE, BIG GUY!

KITCHEN

I THOUGHT ROTOR WAS WORKING ON THAT CUSTOMIZED SUBMARINE FOR YOU?..

ZOOM

ZOOM

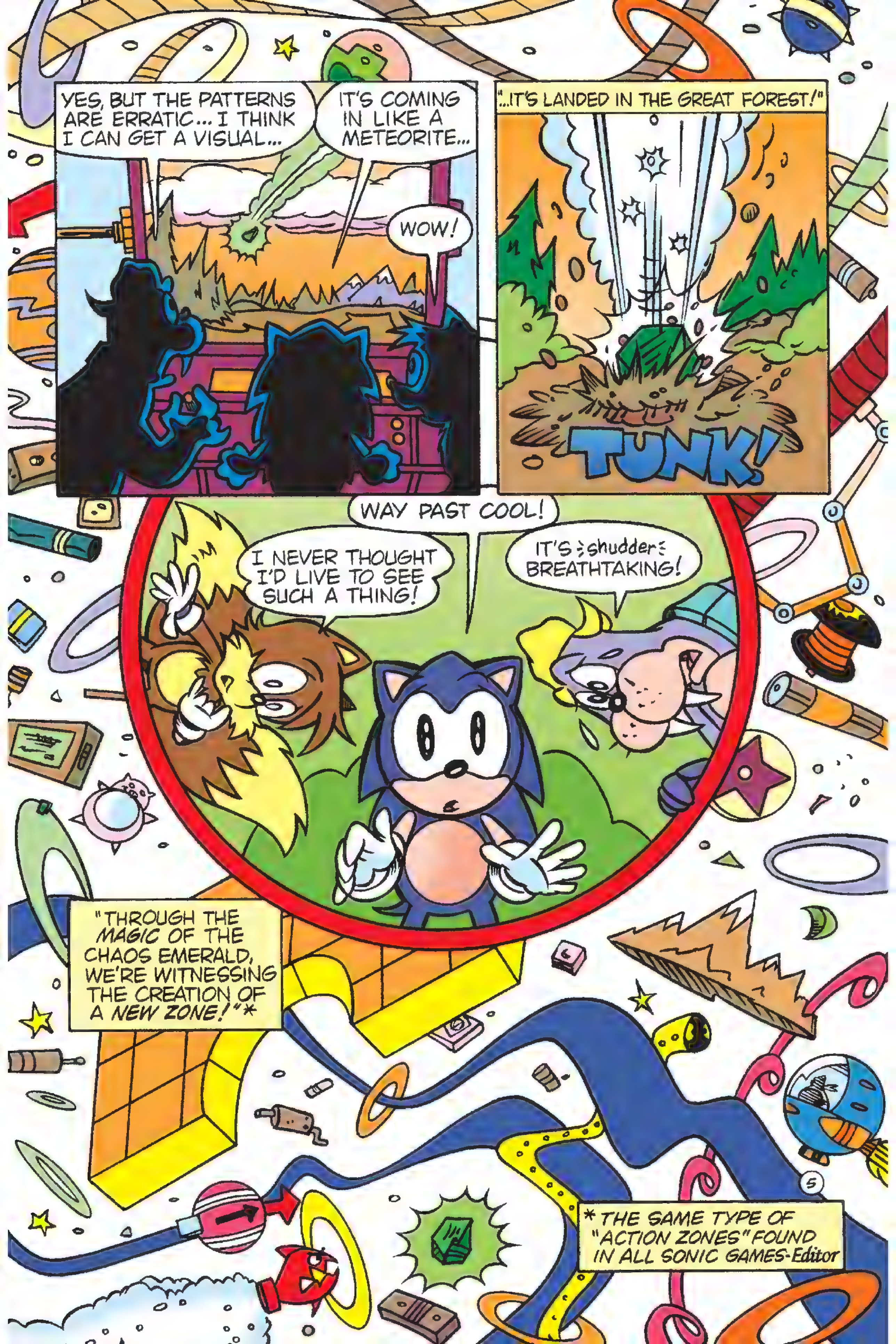
HE WAS--UNTIL THIS THING SHOWED UP ON THE GRID SCREEN!

LOOK!

THE POWER READINGS ARE OFF THE SCALE!

ONLY ONE THING CAN GENERATE THAT KIND OF ENERGY SIGNATURE--

--A CHAOS EMERALD!


YES, BUT THE PATTERNS ARE ERRATIC... I THINK I CAN GET A VISUAL...
IT'S COMING IN LIKE A METEORITE...
WOW!
"...IT'S LANDED IN THE GREAT FOREST!"
TUNK!
WAY PAST COOL!
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D LIVE TO SEE SUCH A THING!
IT'S ;shudder; BREATHTAKING!
"THROUGH THE *MAGIC* OF THE CHAOS EMERALD, WE'RE WITNESSING THE CREATION OF A *NEW ZONE!*"*
* THE SAME TYPE OF "ACTION ZONES" FOUND IN ALL SONIC GAMES-Editor
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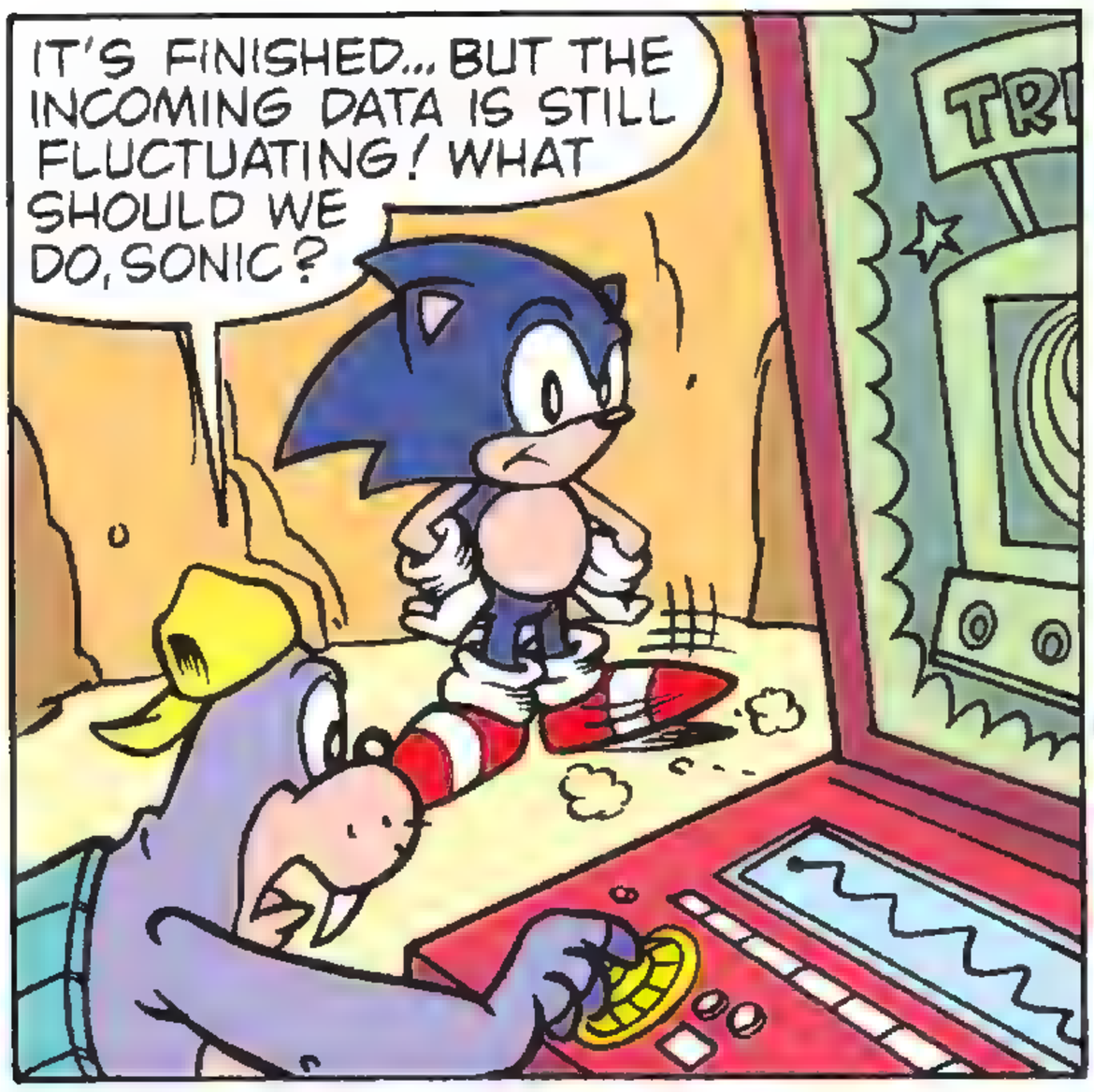
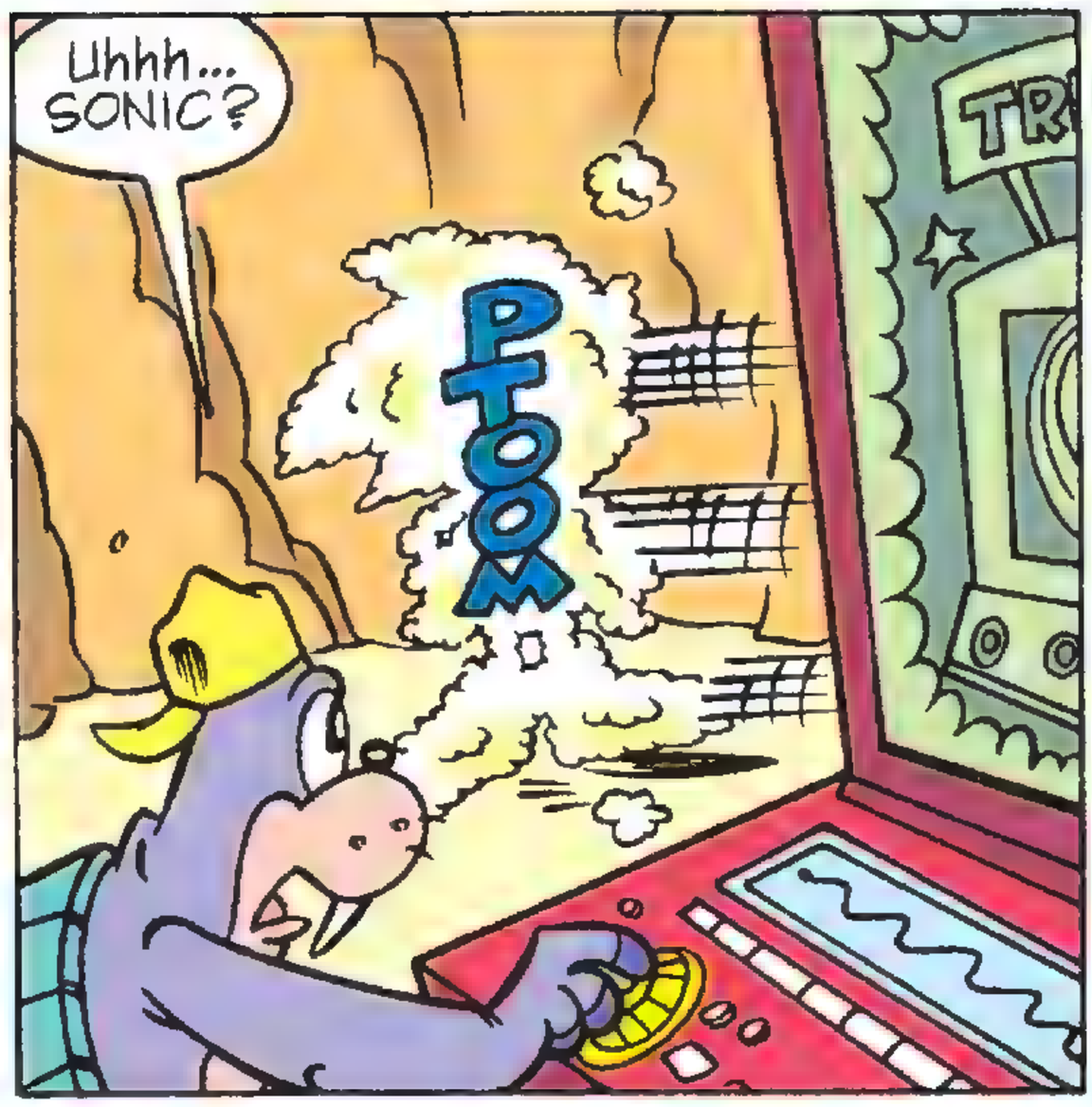




POP...

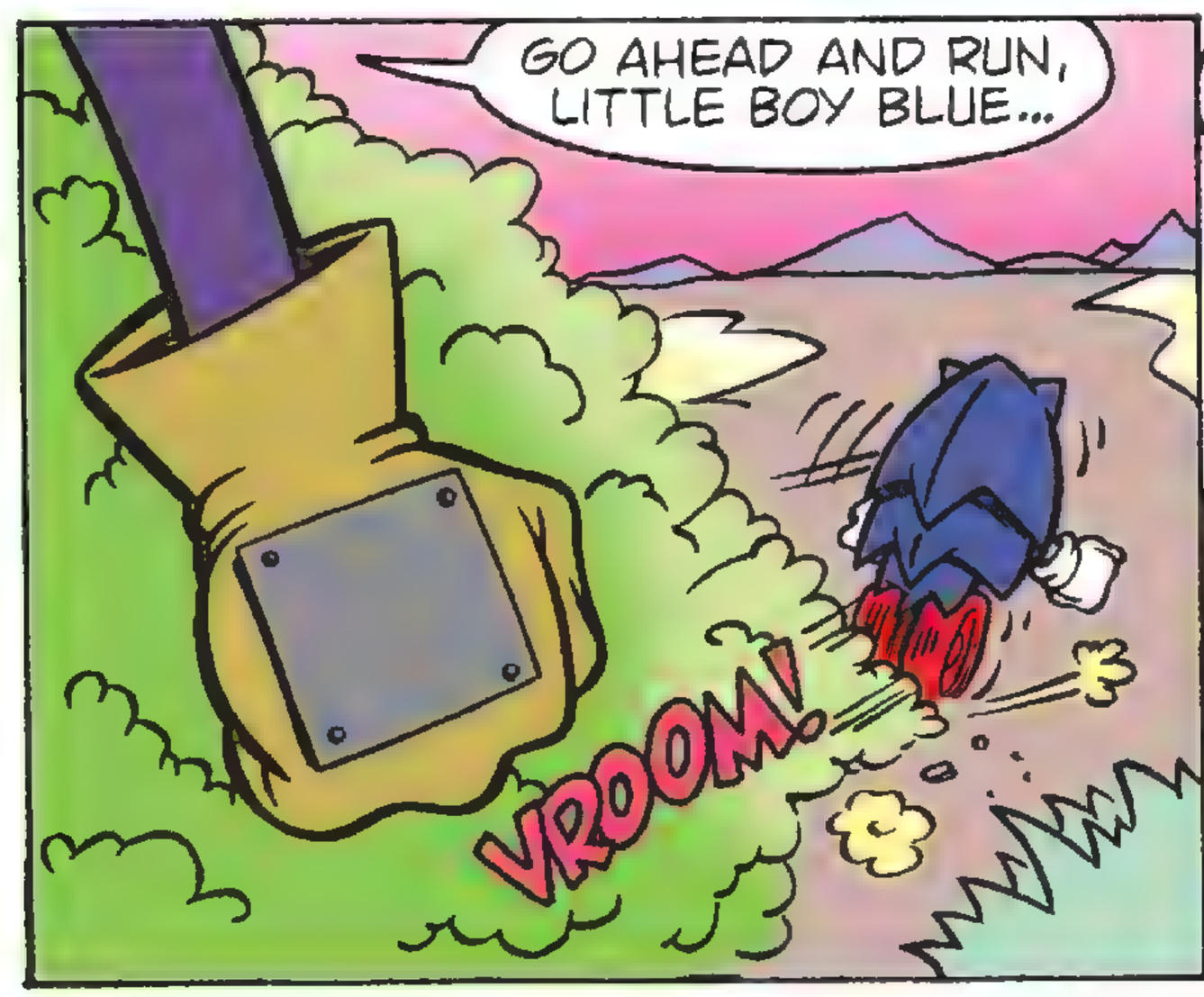
I'LL LET ROTOR DO THE MATH--

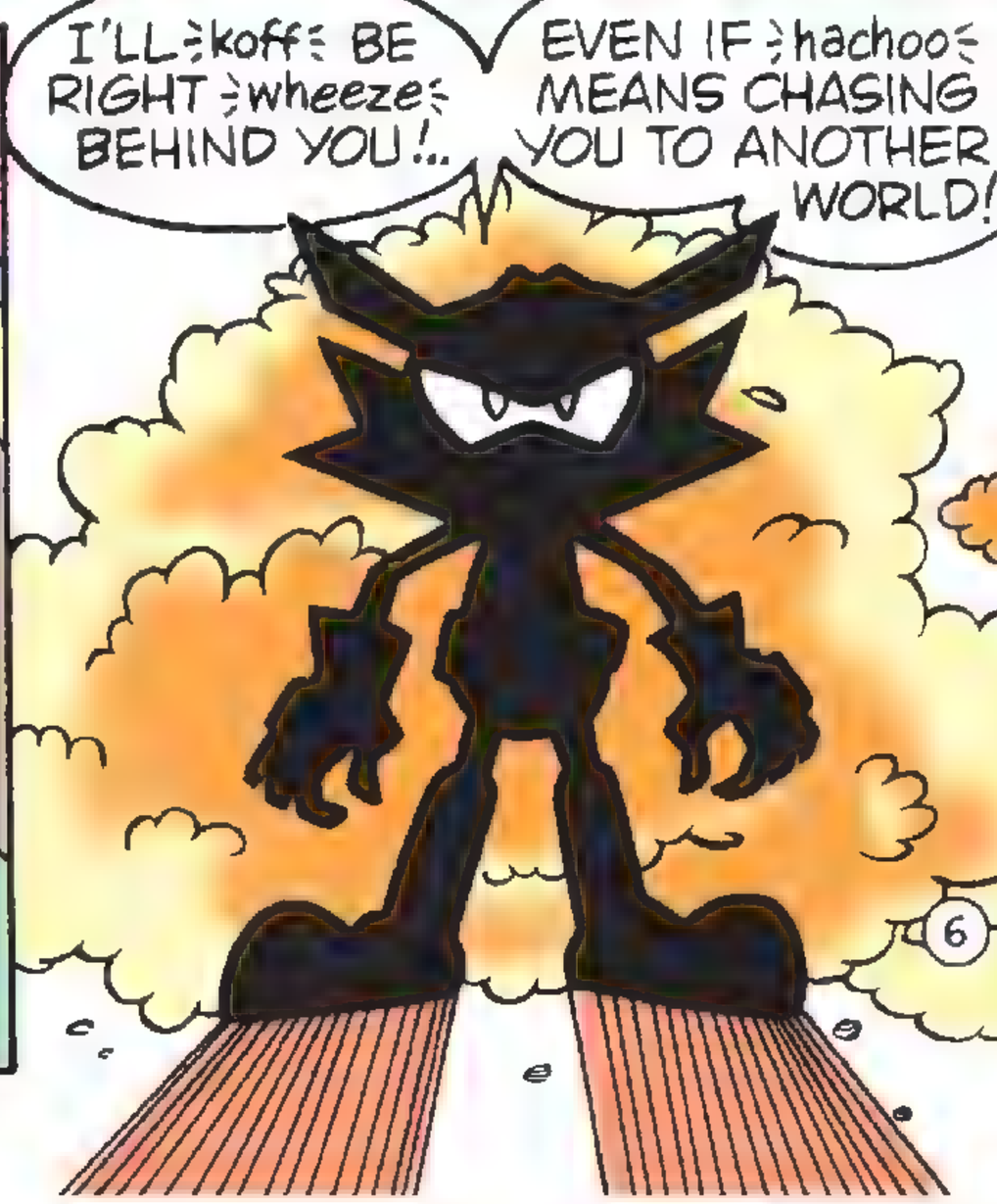
--MEANWHILE, I'M GOING WHERE NO HEDGEHOG HAS GONE BEFORE!

AND I'LL HIT THE GROUND RUNNING!

FLIP...

SCREEEEECH...





MEANWHILE, ON ANOTHER "WORLD"...

AHH... NOTHING LIKE RELAXING UNDER THE BRIGHT RED SUN...

OOP! MAKE THAT A *GREEN* SUN!..

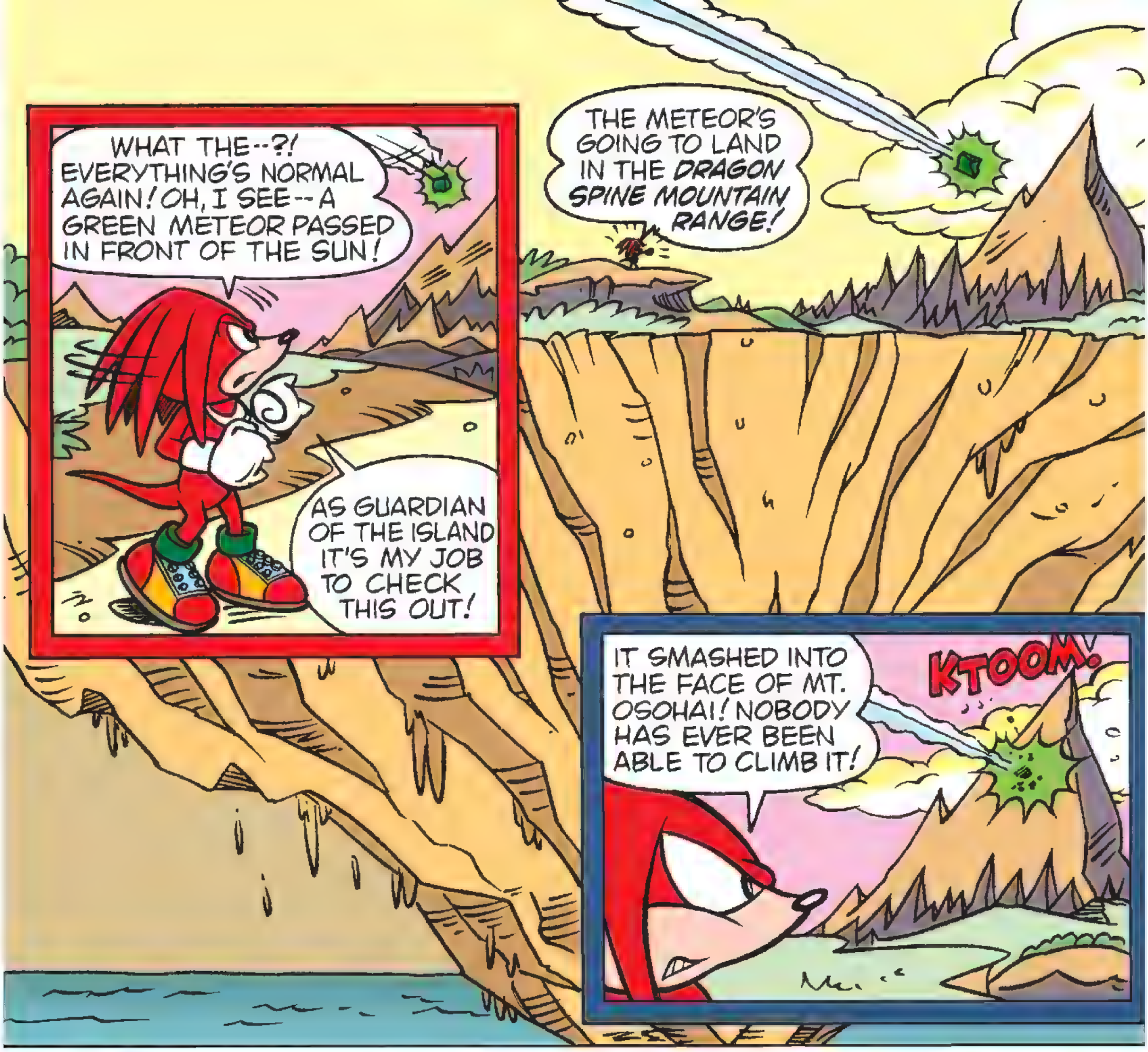
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

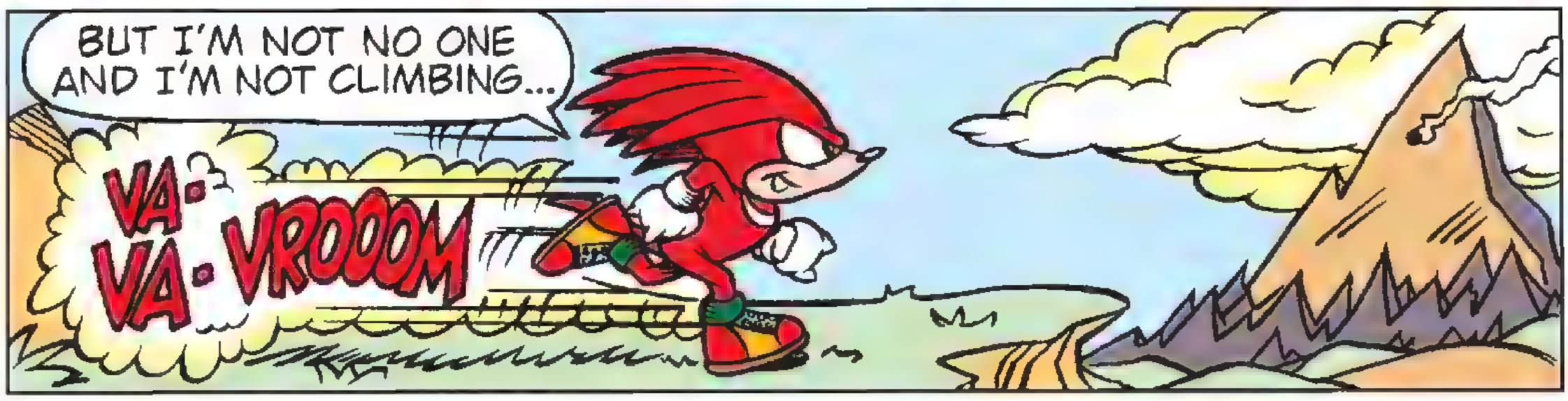
IT BETTER NOT THREATEN THIS *FLOATING ISLAND*...

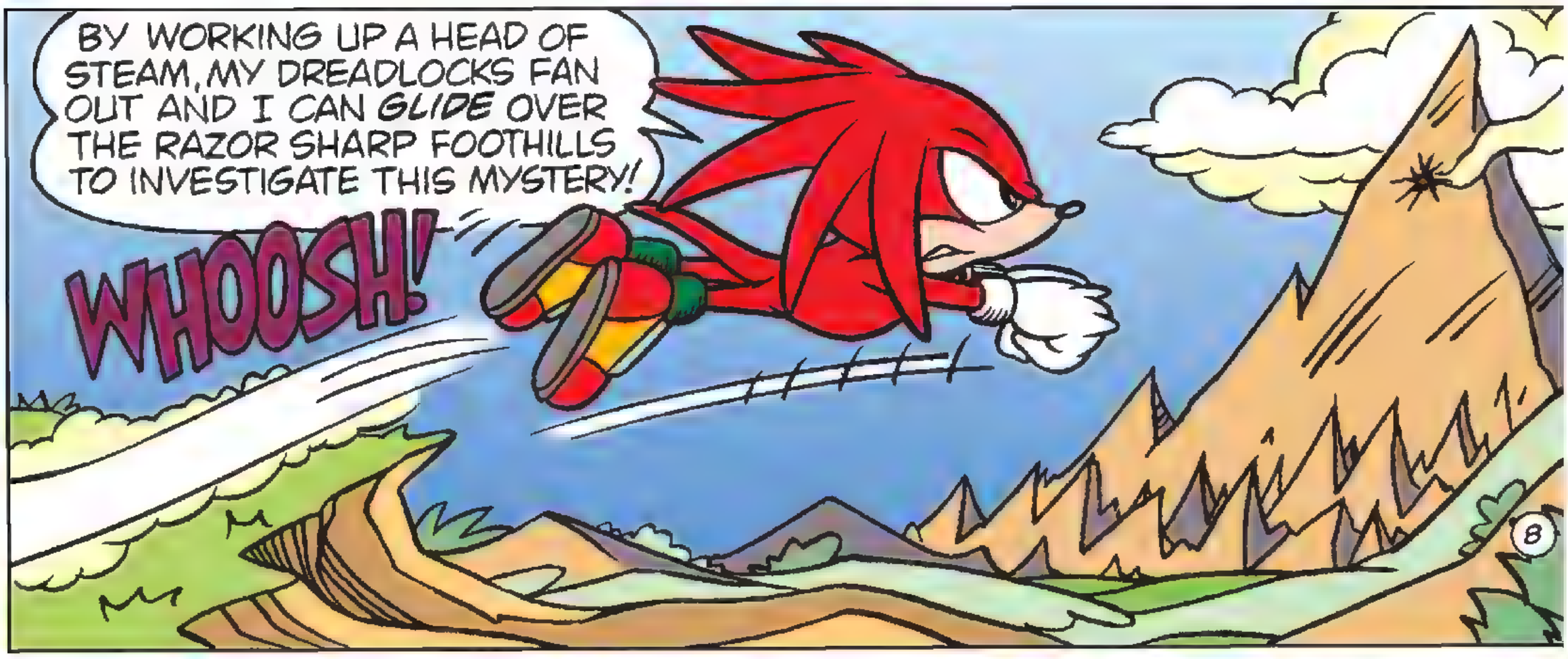
...UNLESS IT WANTS TO MESS WITH ME...

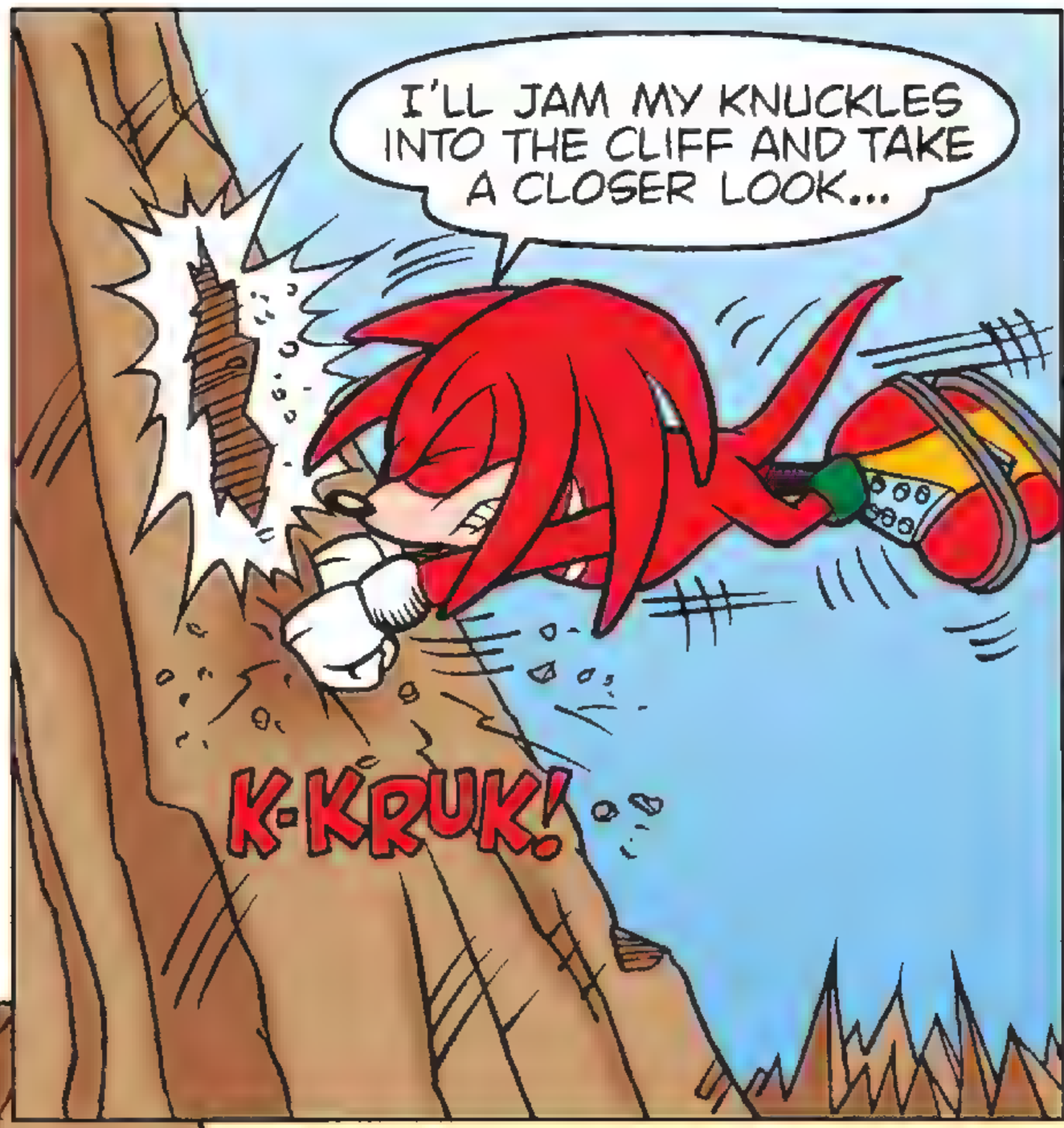
KNUCKLES, THE ECHIDNA!

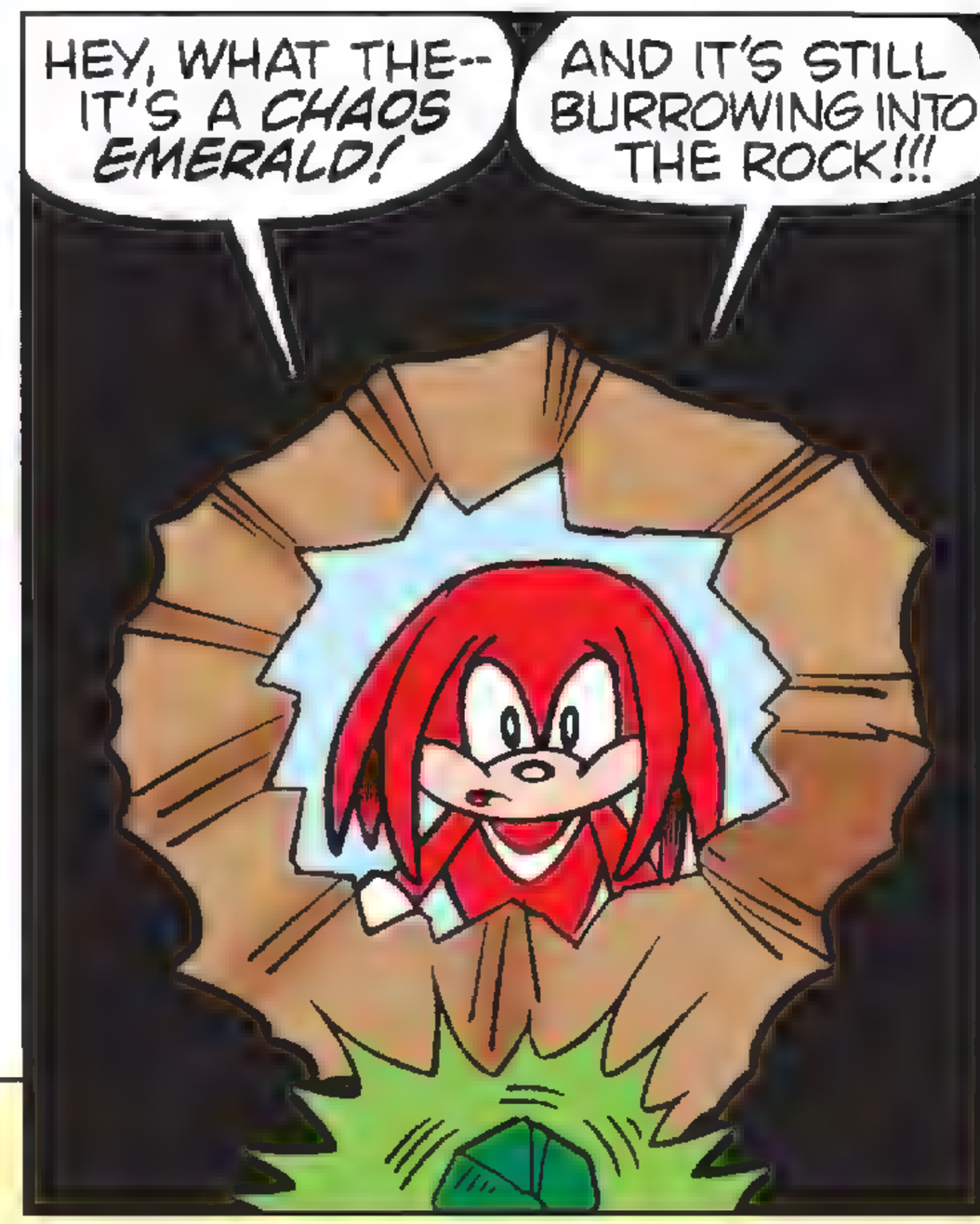
BWANG!


WHAT THE--?! EVERYTHING'S NORMAL AGAIN! OH, I SEE--A GREEN METEOR PASSED IN FRONT OF THE SUN!
AS GUARDIAN OF THE ISLAND IT'S MY JOB TO CHECK THIS OUT!
THE METEOR'S GOING TO LAND IN THE DRAGON SPINE MOUNTAIN RANGE!
IT SMASHED INTO THE FACE OF MT. OSOHAI! NOBODY HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO CLIMB IT!
KTOOM!


BUT I'M NOT NO ONE AND I'M NOT CLIMBING...
VA-VA-VROOOM

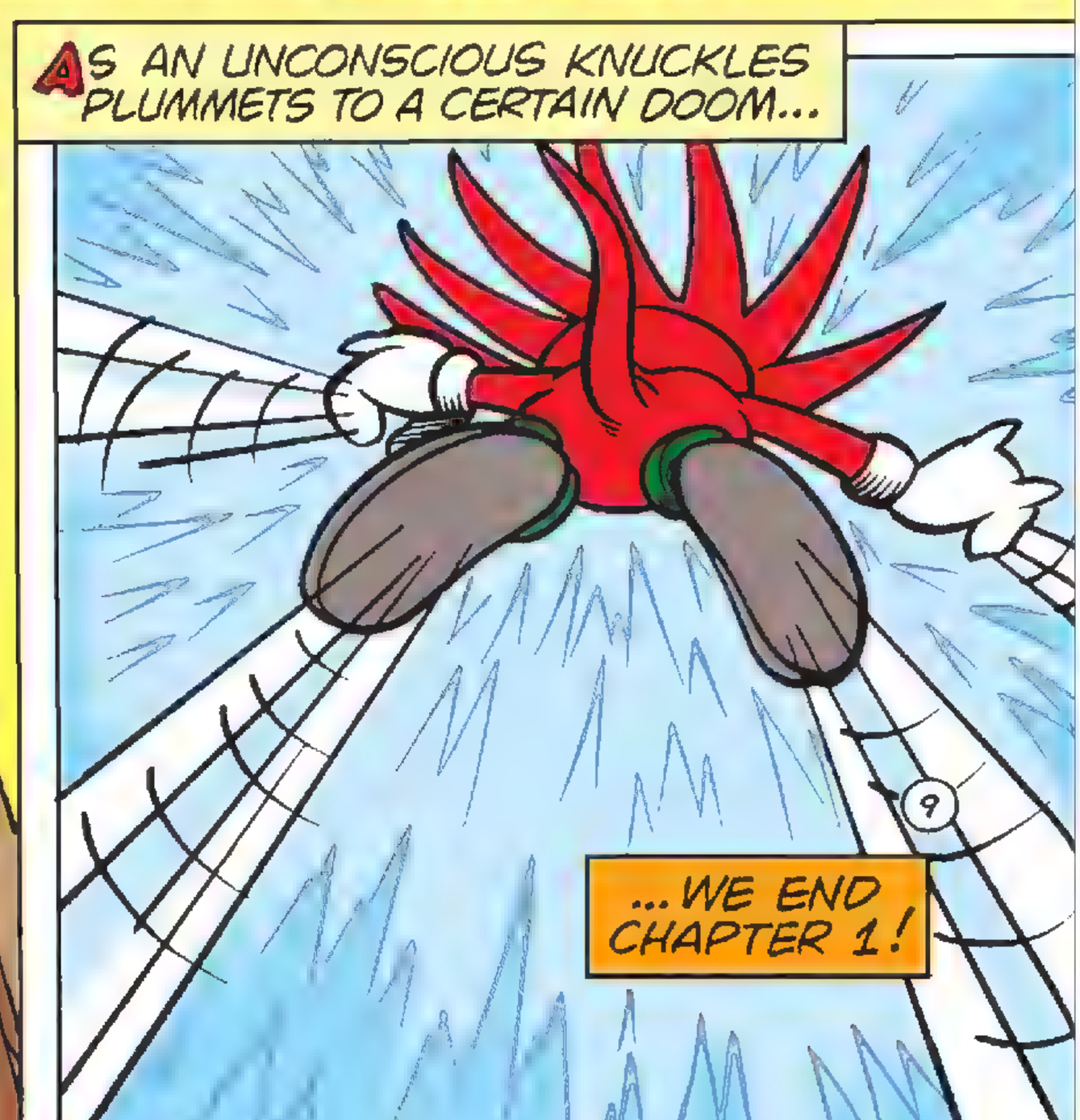

BY WORKING UP A HEAD OF STEAM, MY DREADLOCKS FAN OUT AND I CAN GLIDE OVER THE RAZOR SHARP FOOTHILLS TO INVESTIGATE THIS MYSTERY!
WHOOSH!


I'LL JAM MY KNUCKLES INTO THE CLIFF AND TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...
K-KRUK!


HEY, WHAT THE-- IT'S A CHAOS EMERALD!
AND IT'S STILL BURROWING INTO THE ROCK!!!

RUMBLE!!!
WHOA! THE WHOLE MOUNTAIN'S VIBRATING!

BETTER GLIDE TO SAFETY AND--
KLONK!
OW!


AS AN UNCONSCIOUS KNUCKLES PLUMMETS TO A CERTAIN DOOM...
...WE END CHAPTER 1!

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IN YOU GO

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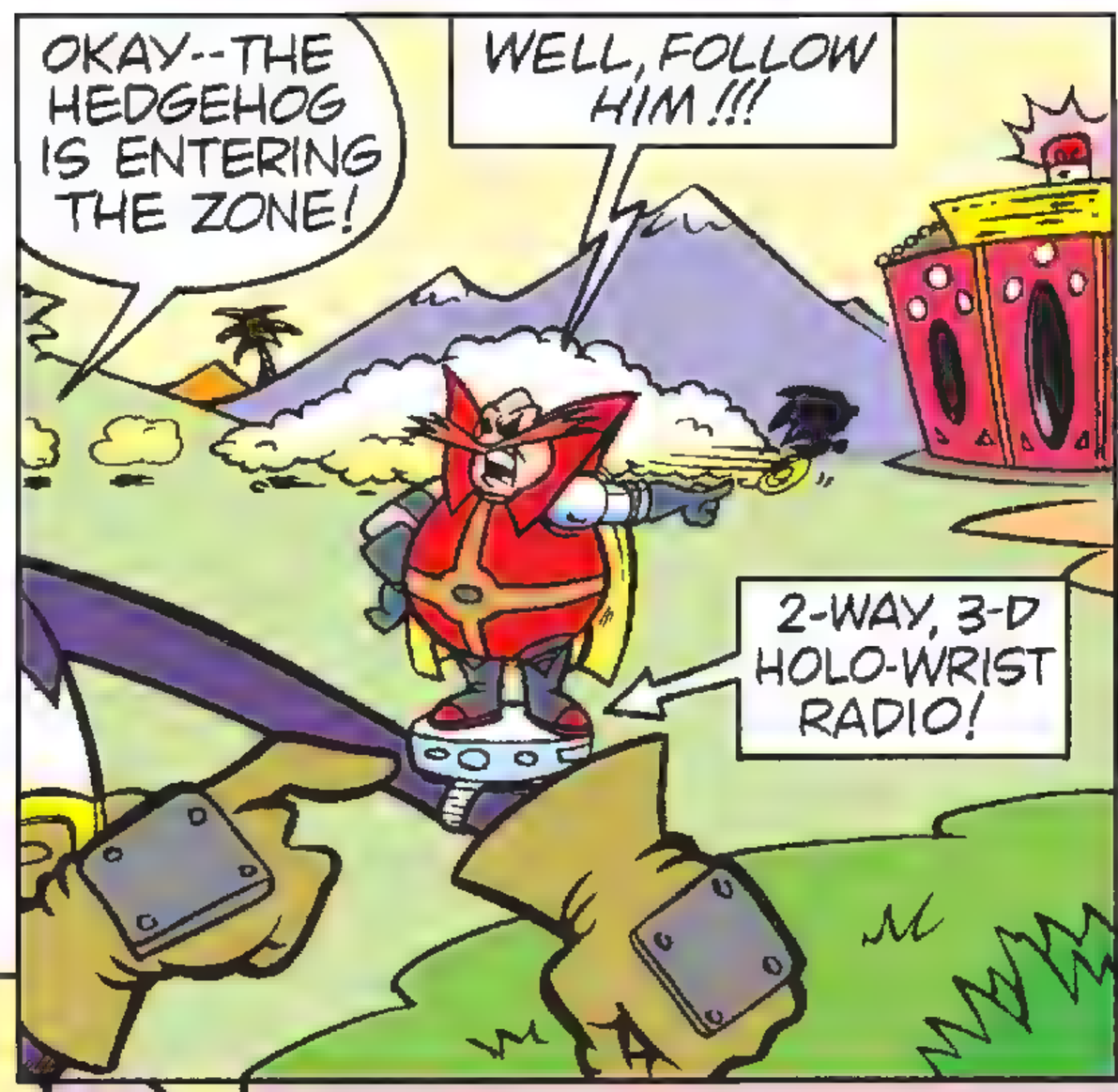
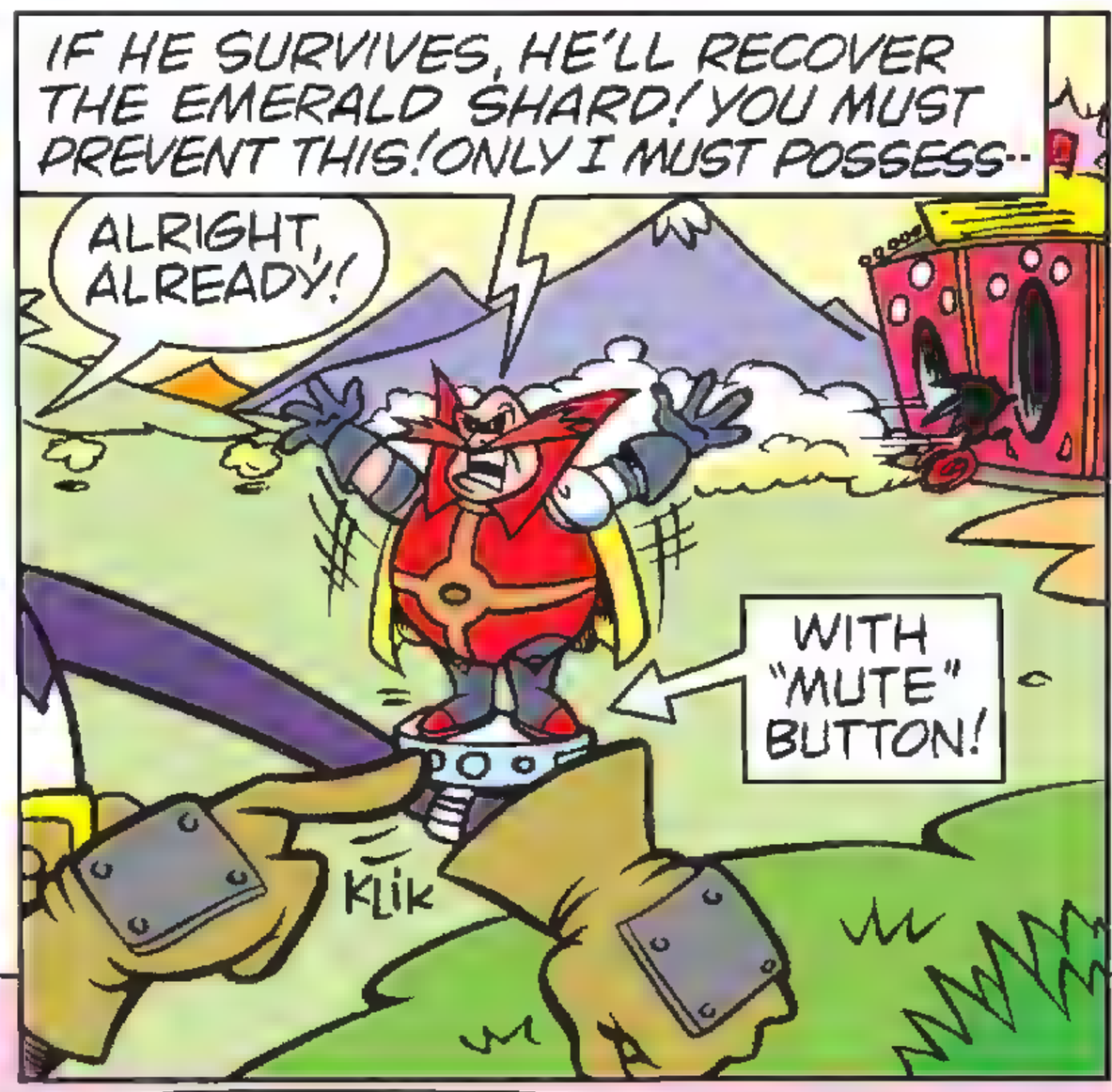


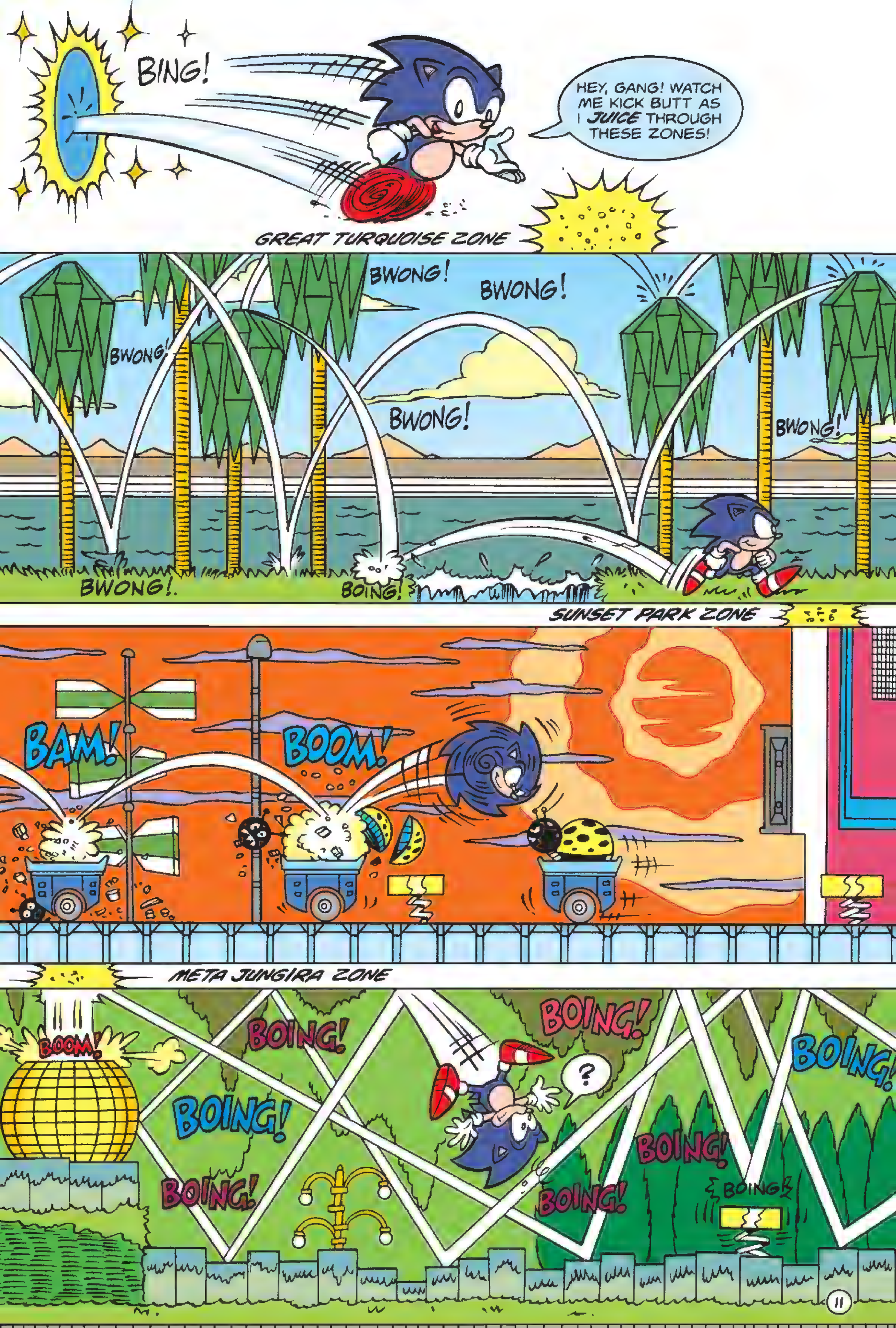


DON'T GET YOUR CHINS IN A KNOT...

...THE COMPUTER IN MY SKY-CYCLE IS PROGRAMMED TO MIMIC SONIC'S EVERY MOVE!

TRIPLE TROUBLE

WHEN HE GETS THE EMERALD, I GET *HIM!*


BING!
HEY, GANG! WATCH ME KICK BUTT AS I JUICE THROUGH THESE ZONES!
GREAT TURQUOISE ZONE
BWONG!
BWONG!
BWONG!
BWONG!
BWONG!
BWONG!
BOING!
SUNSET PARK ZONE
BAM!
BOOM!
META JUNGIRA ZONE
BOOM!
BOING!
BOING!
BOING!
?
BOING!
BOING!
BOING!
BOING!
BOING!
11

ROBOTNIK WINTER ZONE

SHOOSH!

SWISH!

TIDAL PLANT ZONE

ATOMIC DESTROYER ZONE

POW!

BANG!

SPUT!

POP!

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE FRIED EGGMAN, I ALWAYS SAY!

zing!

BOING!

BING!

I MADE IT THROUGH!

AND THERE'S THE CHAOS EMERALD!

EXIT

CHAOS EMERALD CHAMBER

EXIT

WHOOEY! JUST MADE IT BY USING MY *SUPER PEEL-OUT* MANEUVER!* TIME TO SHUT THIS BABY DOWN!

CHANK!

ON OFF

*FIRST SEEN IN SONIC #25--*Editor*

AHA! NO WONDER THAT ZONE WAS SO WEIRD! THIS IS ONLY HALF A CHAOS EMERALD!

VERY OBSERVANT!

GNYAAAGH!

VRAM!

THAT BLINDSIDE BLAST FROM MY NEURAL DISRUPTOR KNOCKED HIM OUT! THE GREEN GEM NOW BELONGS TO NACK THE WEASEL!

END OF CHAPTER II

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ IN TRIPLE TROUBLE PART III: "ECHIDNAPPED!"

IS DOWN FOR THE COUNT! I'VE GOT HALF THE EMERALD!

EXCELLENT, NACK!

BRING HIM ALONG WHEN YOU GET THE *OTHER* HALF!

SONIC

SURE, TUBBY.. FOR DOUBLE THE PRICE!

WOT?!

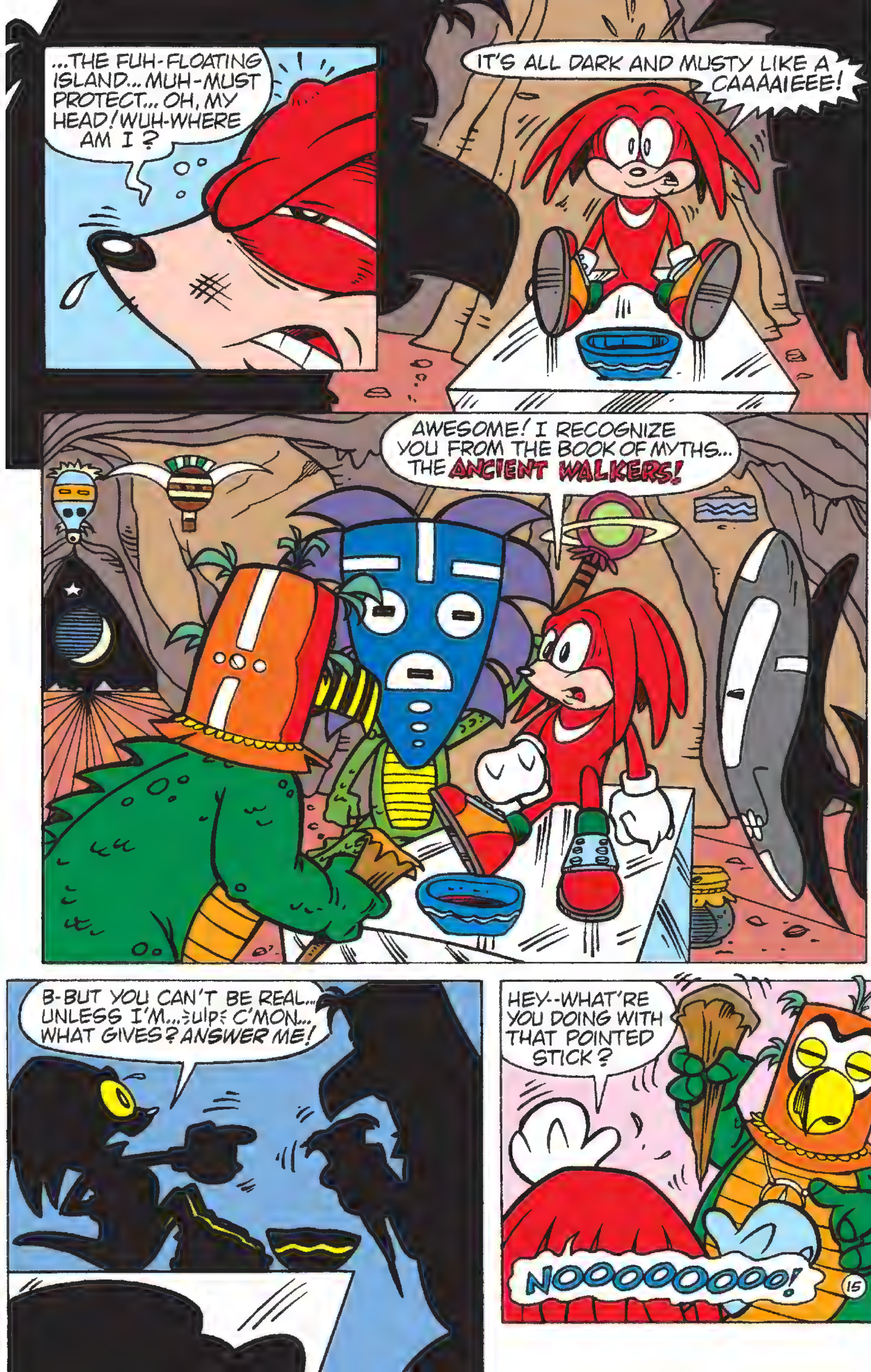
YOUR REPUTATION AS THE MOST COLD-HEARTED BOUNTY HUNTER ON MOBIUS IS WELL-EARNED! (sputter) VERY WELL!

(sizzle)

IT'S A DEAL!

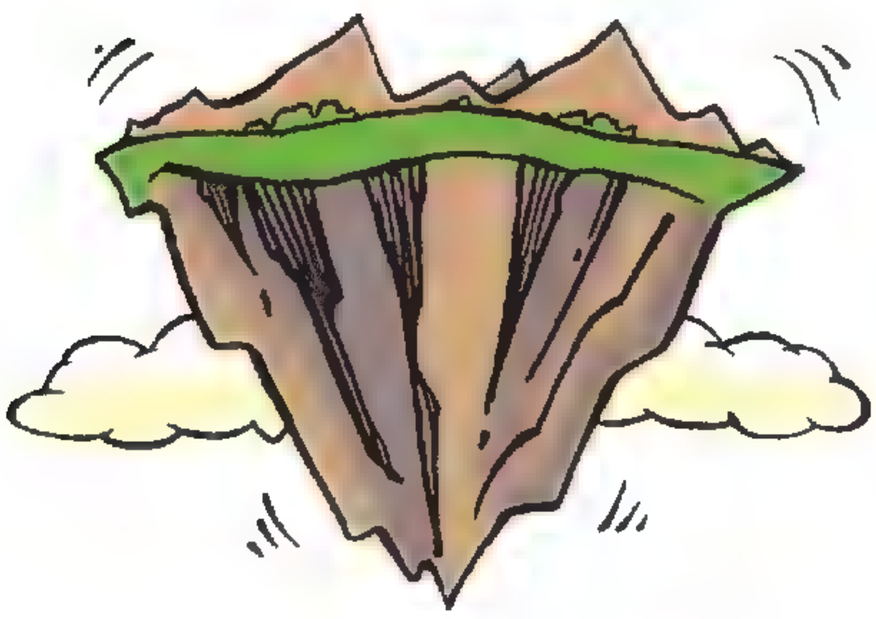
MY SKY-SLED'S COMPUTER IS TRACKING THE OTHER HALF OF THE JEWEL!

WELL, WHATTAYA KNOW... IT MUST BE LOCATED ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!

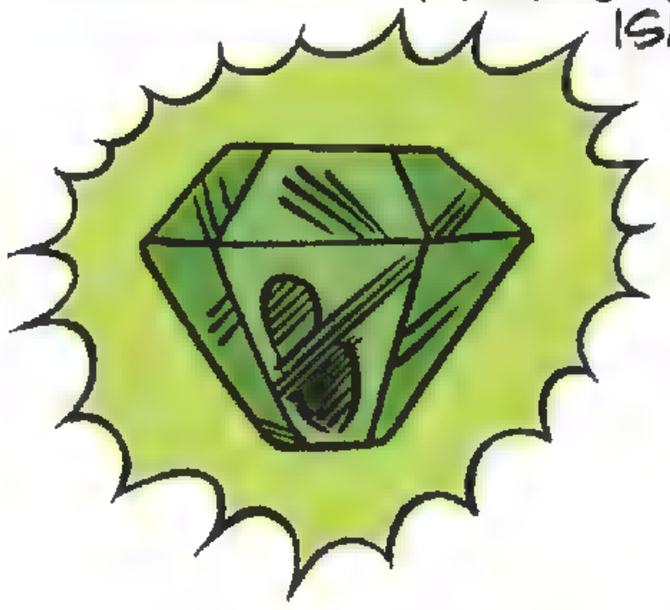

...THE FUH-FLOATING ISLAND... MUH-MUST PROTECT... OH, MY HEAD! WUH-WHERE AM I?
IT'S ALL DARK AND MUSTY LIKE A CAAAAIEEE!
AWESOME! I RECOGNIZE YOU FROM THE BOOK OF MYTHS... THE ANCIENT WALKERS!
B-BUT YOU CAN'T BE REAL... UNLESS I'M...=ulp= C'MON... WHAT GIVES? ANSWER ME!
HEY--WHAT'RE YOU DOING WITH THAT POINTED STICK?
NOOOOOOOO!

OH, I SEE...YOU'RE GOING TO PAINT ON THE CAVE WALL... WHEW!

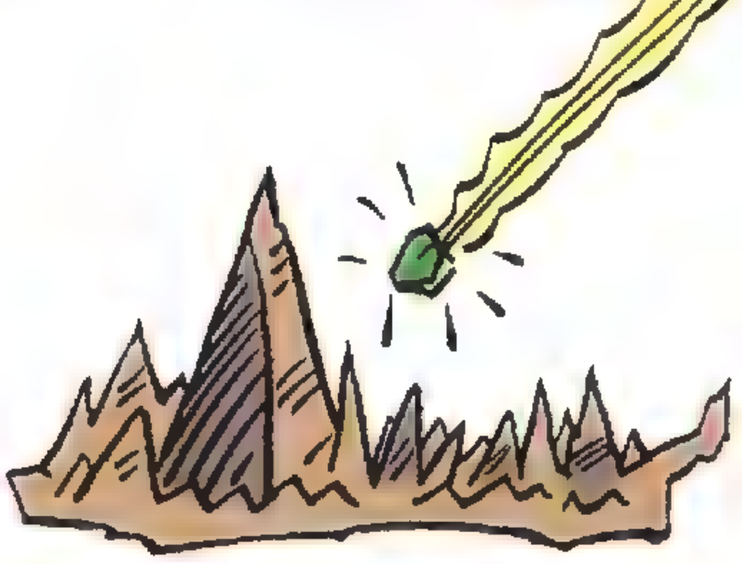
"I'LL INTERPRET AS YOU DRAW... AHA! THAT'S THE *FLOATING ISLAND*, RIGHT?..



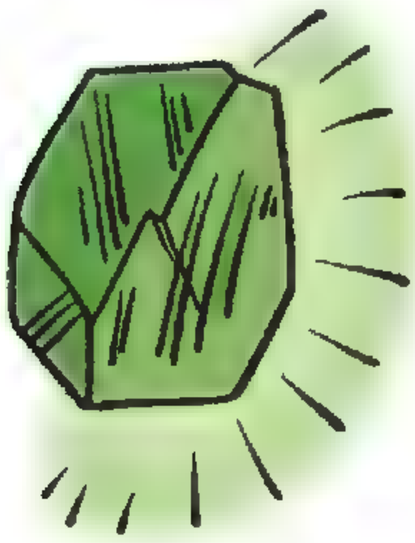
"AND THERE'S THE *CHAOS EMERALD* THAT *POWERS* THE ISLAND!



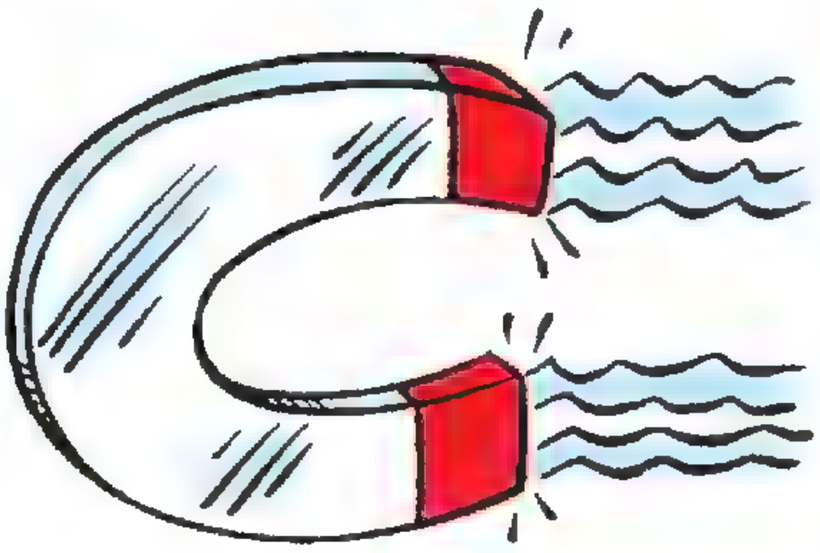
"YES--AND HERE COMES THE METEOR I SAW!



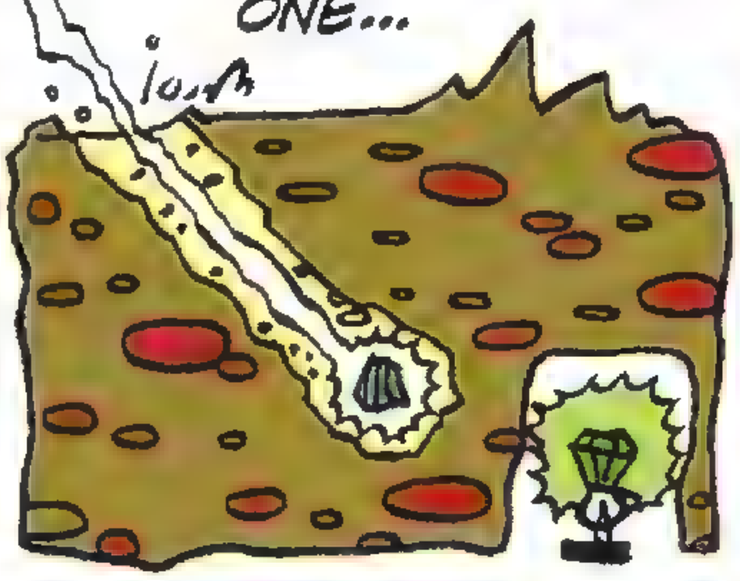
"--BUT IT'S ONLY *HALF* A CHAOS EMERALD?



"I SEE... THE TWO GEMS HAVE A *MAGNETIC ATTRACTION!*

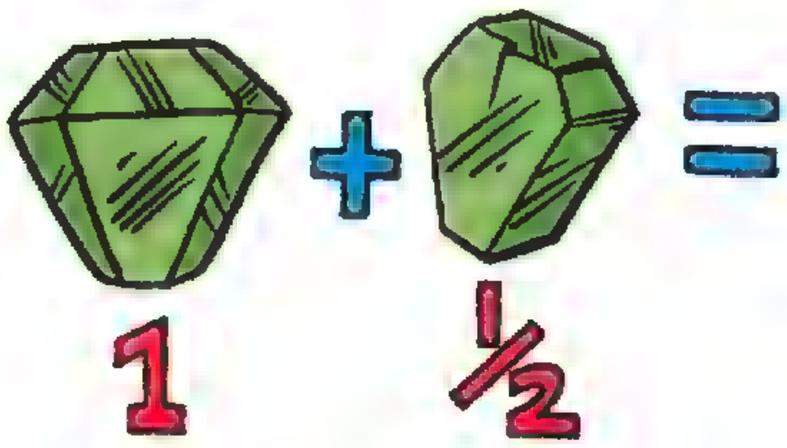


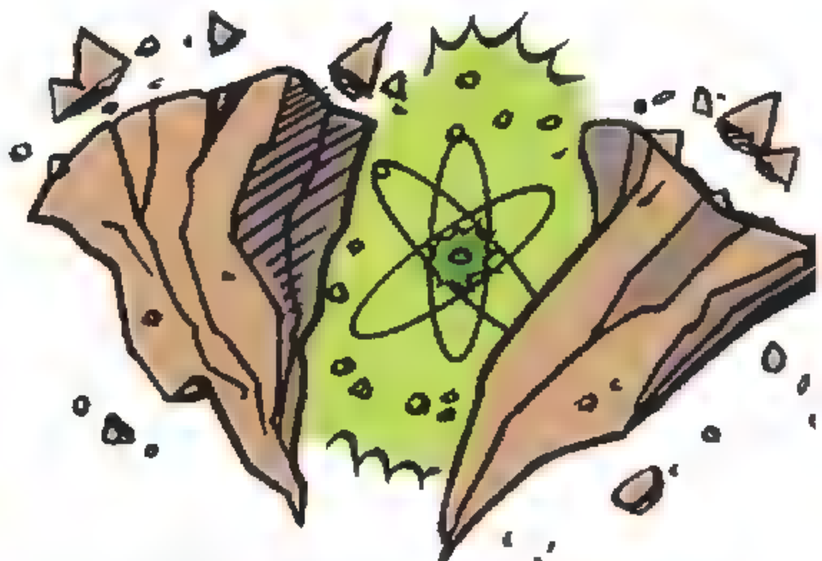
"AND THEY'RE SO POWERFUL THAT THE *SHARD* WILL TUNNEL THROUGH SOLID ROCK TO JOIN WITH THE *WHOLE* ONE...



"...BUT BEWARE!

"FOR IF ONE EMERALD SUDDENLY BECOMES ONE AND A HALF...





"...THE ENERGY IMBALANCE WILL BLOW THE ISLAND TO BITS!" (16)

THIS CAN'T HAPPEN! I CAN STOP IT! SEND ME BACK, ANCIENT WALKERS!

NO, I DON'T WANT TO SUH-SMELL THE BUH-BOWL... S-S-SEND M-M-ME B-B-B-B--

BACK! I'M BACK ON THE ISLAND! THERE'S STILL TIME TO SAVE IT...

...AND HERE COMES AN UNINVITED VISITOR!

HE MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS EMERALD BUSINESS! I'LL GIVE HIM MY SPECIAL OF THE DAY!

ZIP!

ONE KNUCKLES SANDWICH--ON THE HOUSE!

FWOOSH!

WHOP!

Gnngh!

MAKE THAT ON THE CHIN!

HE'S OUT COLD... AND HIS SKY CYCLE'S GOING INTO THE LAKE!

AHHH... WHO CARES?

SPLOONK!

...ZIP...

...ZOOP.....

...zing.

WE DO! SONIC'S IN THE TRUNK!

Bubble...

?

?

Glorp...

BUT, HE COMES TO AND GOES INTO A SONIC SPIN!

VZZZZZZZZ

glub... SOMEBODY'S ABOUT TO GET A SERIOUS THRASHING...

...SO SAYS--

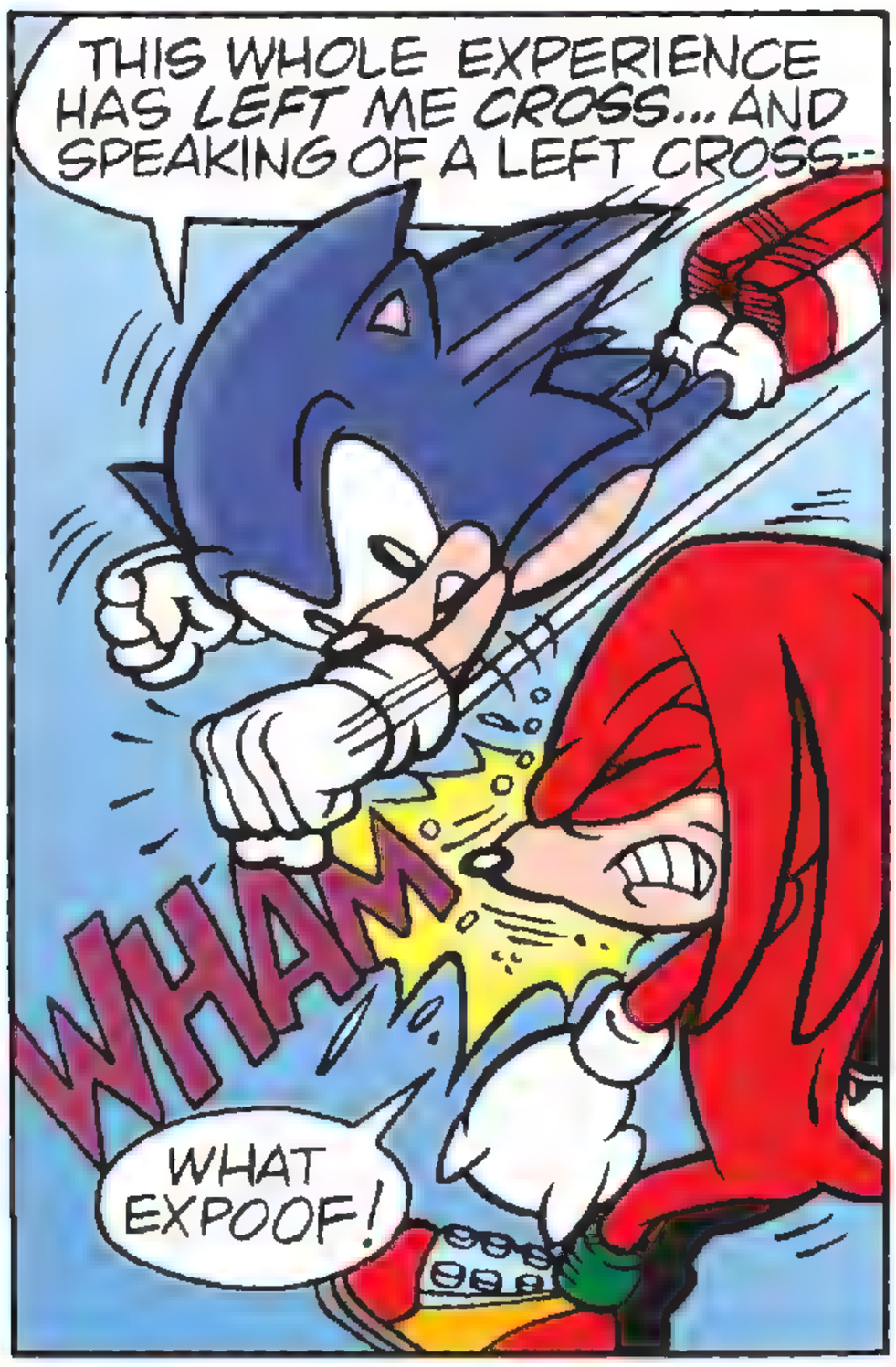
END of CHAPTER III

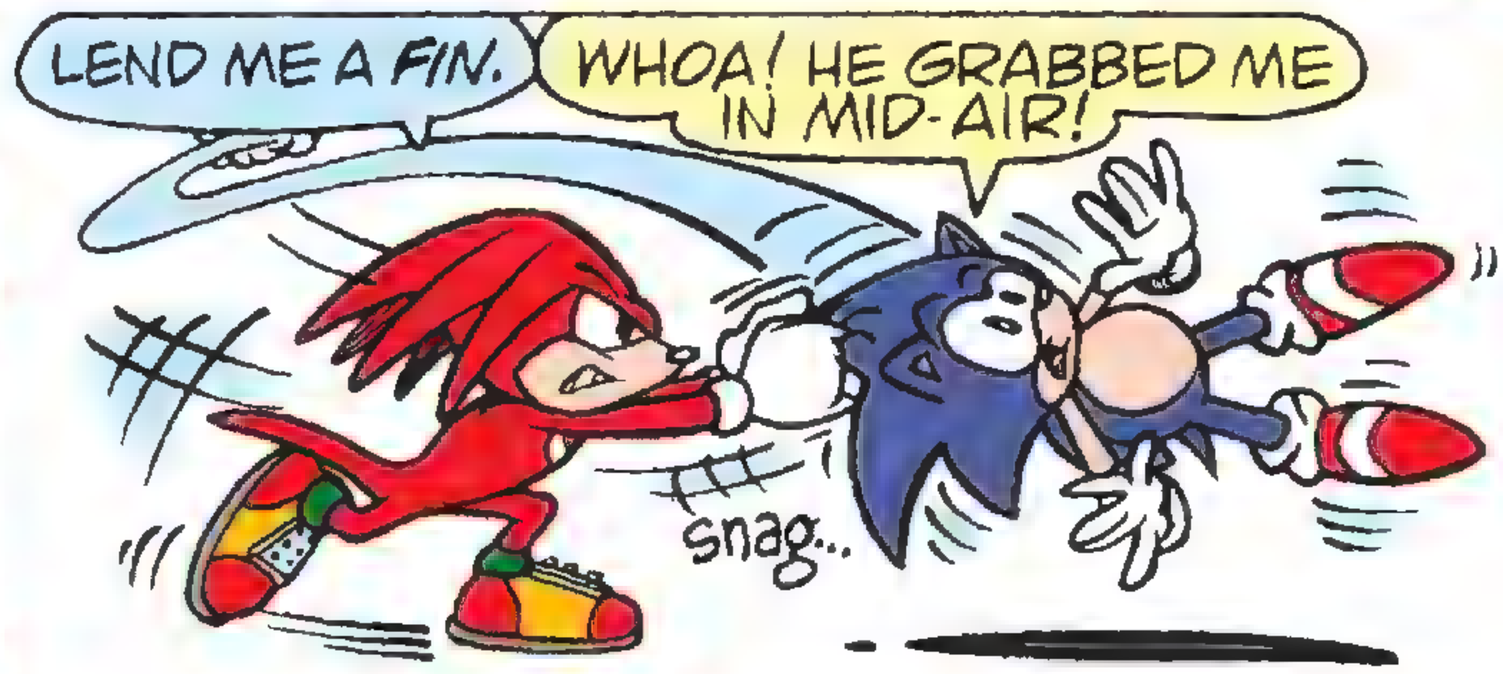
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ IN

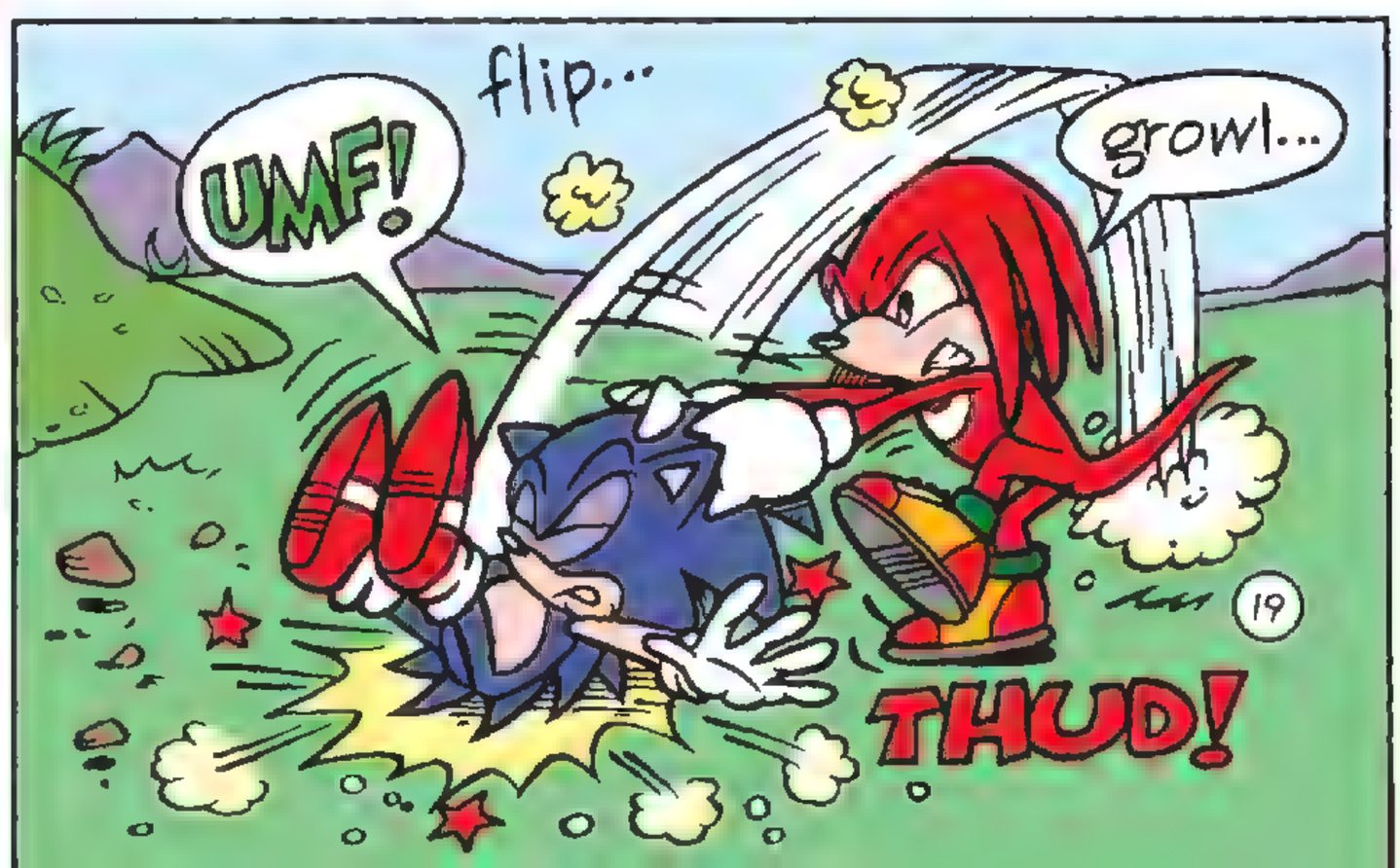
TRIPLE TROUBLE PART IV: BLUE BLUR VS. ROUGH & RED!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE BEHIND THIS!

SPEAKING OF BEHINDS, KNUX... I'M ABOUT TO KICK YOURS!







TASTE THE AGONY OF DE FEET!

KLOP!

Hrrrgh!

THAT DOES IT! I'M GOING *HYPER-KNUCKLES* ON YOU!

AM I SUPPOSED TO BE IMPRESSED?

Vwheeee!

Vwheeeee!!

NO--YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE CHECKING INTO THE EMERGENCY ROOM!

TWOK!

urk...

YOU'RE DEAD, RED MEAT!

SEZ YOU, BLUE!

CALLING NACK THE WEASEL... COME IN!

YOUR REPORT IS OVERDUE! ARE YOU THERE?
HEY!
I KNOW THAT VOICE!
ROBOTNIK!
LOOK, WEASEL BOY'S WEARING A COMMUNICATOR!
GOT ANY IDEAS, BRIGHT BOY?
NACK!
I KNOW! WE'LL WORK HIM LIKE A PUPPET!
I GET IT... THEN ROBOTNIK WILL SPILL HIS PLAN!
HELLO?
AH! THERE YOU ARE! HAVE YOU LOCATED THE OTHER HALF OF THE EMERALD?
NOD HIS HEAD!
EXCELLENT!
BRING ME BOTH PIECES ALONG WITH SONIC'S HEAD A.S.A.P.! ROBOTNIK OUT!
LOOK! HE DID HAVE HALF THE EMERALD IN HIS BACK-PACK!
AND THE OTHER HALF'S ON ITS WAY TO JOIN WITH THE FLOATING ISLAND'S GEM AND BLOW US SKY HIGH!
C'MON--THIS IS A SHORT CUT TO THE CENTRAL CHAMBER!
FLOP!

BO-ING!

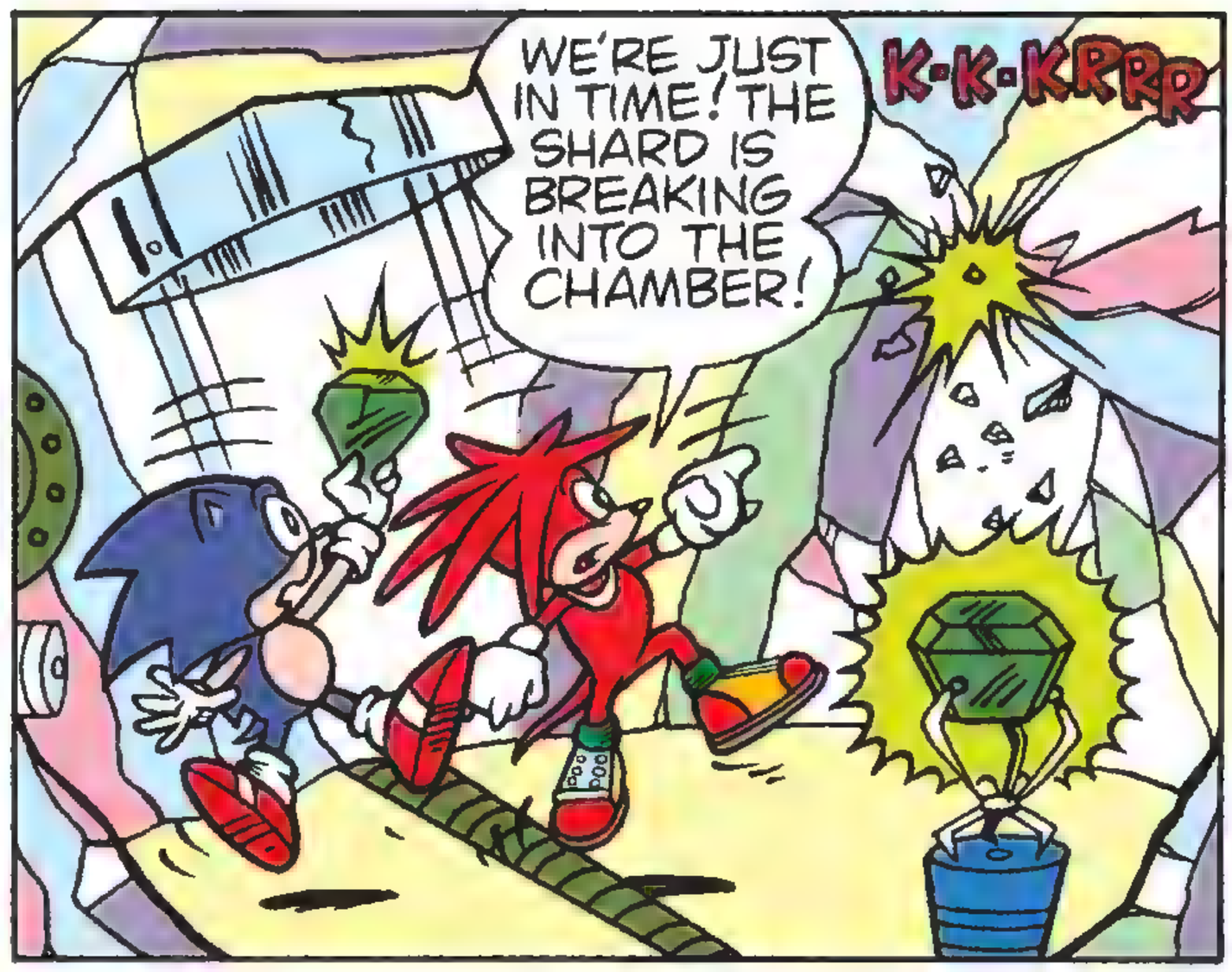
HANG ON, KNUX! WE'LL GET THERE FASTER AT MAXI-SONIC SPEED!

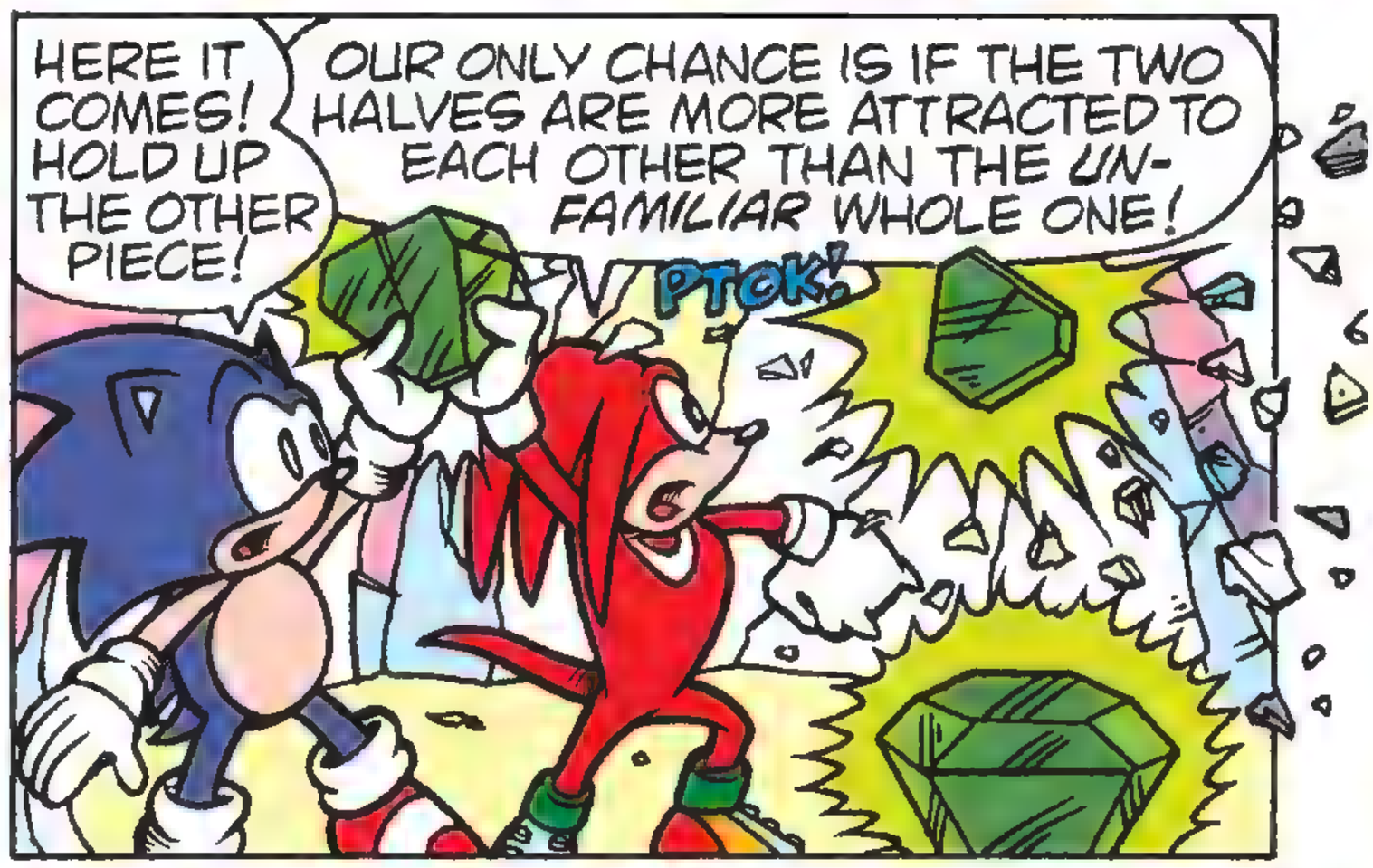
HURRY! I CAN HEAR IT CRUNCHING THROUGH THE GROUND!

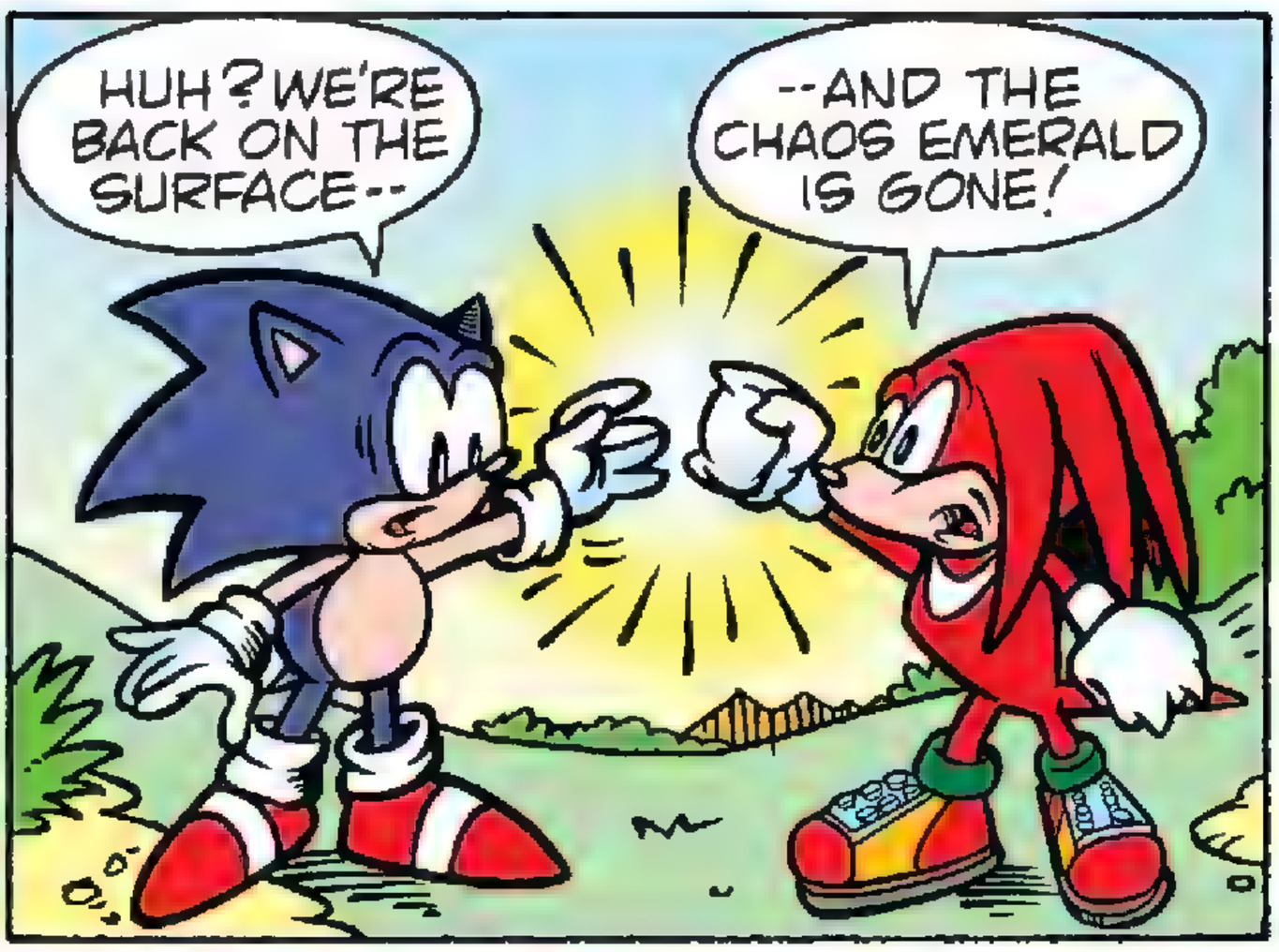
SNAP!

CRACKLE!

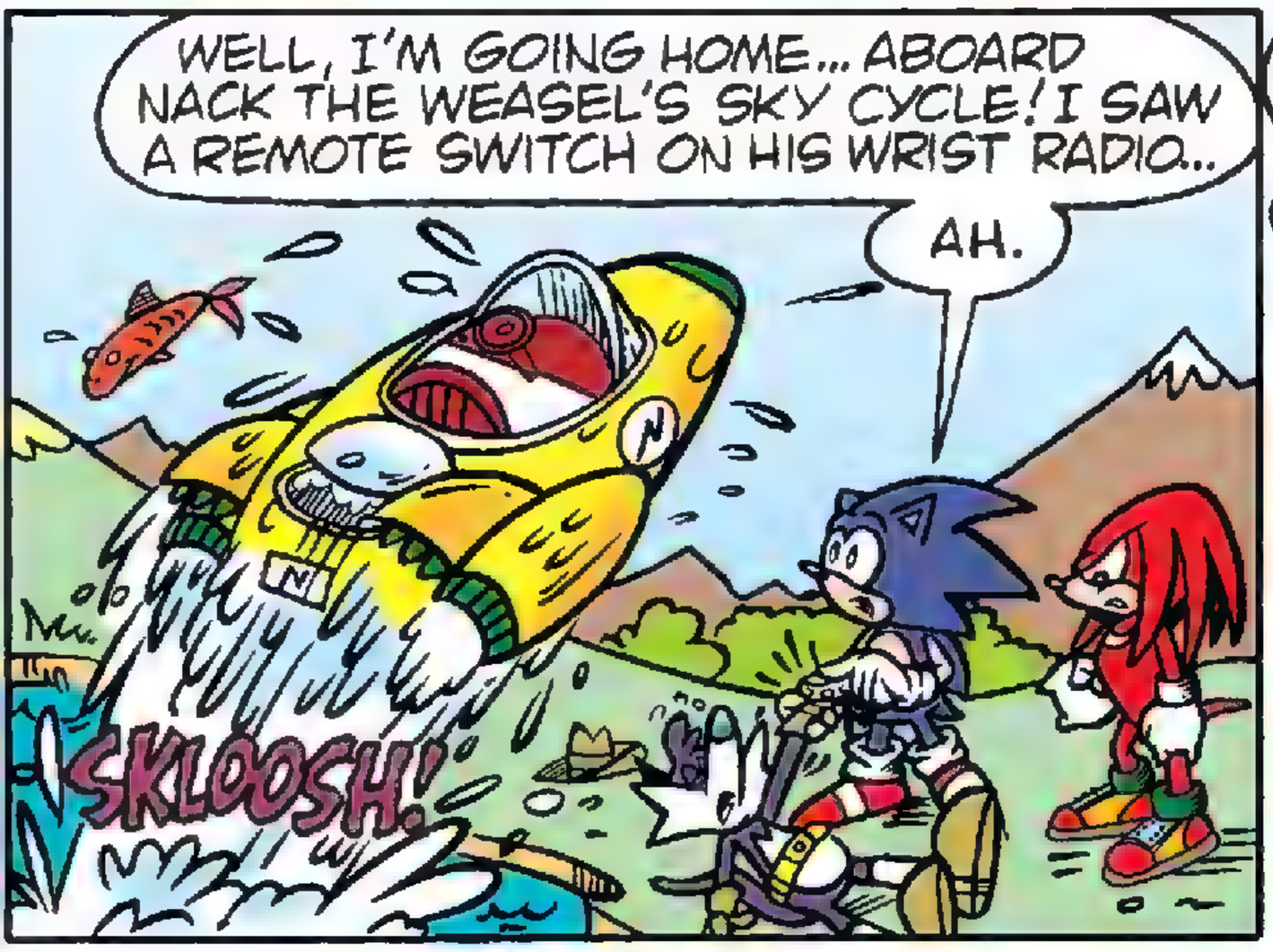
POP!

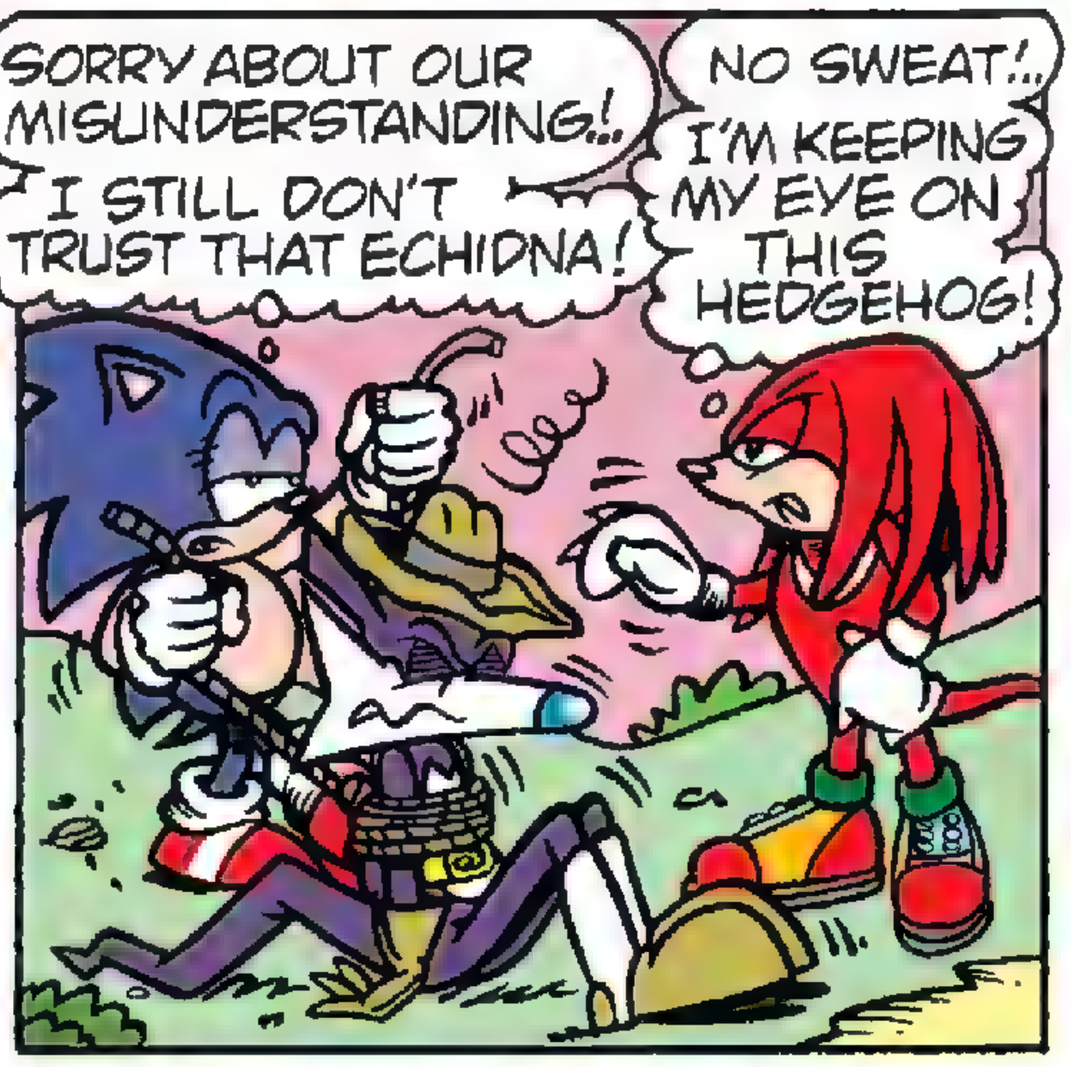


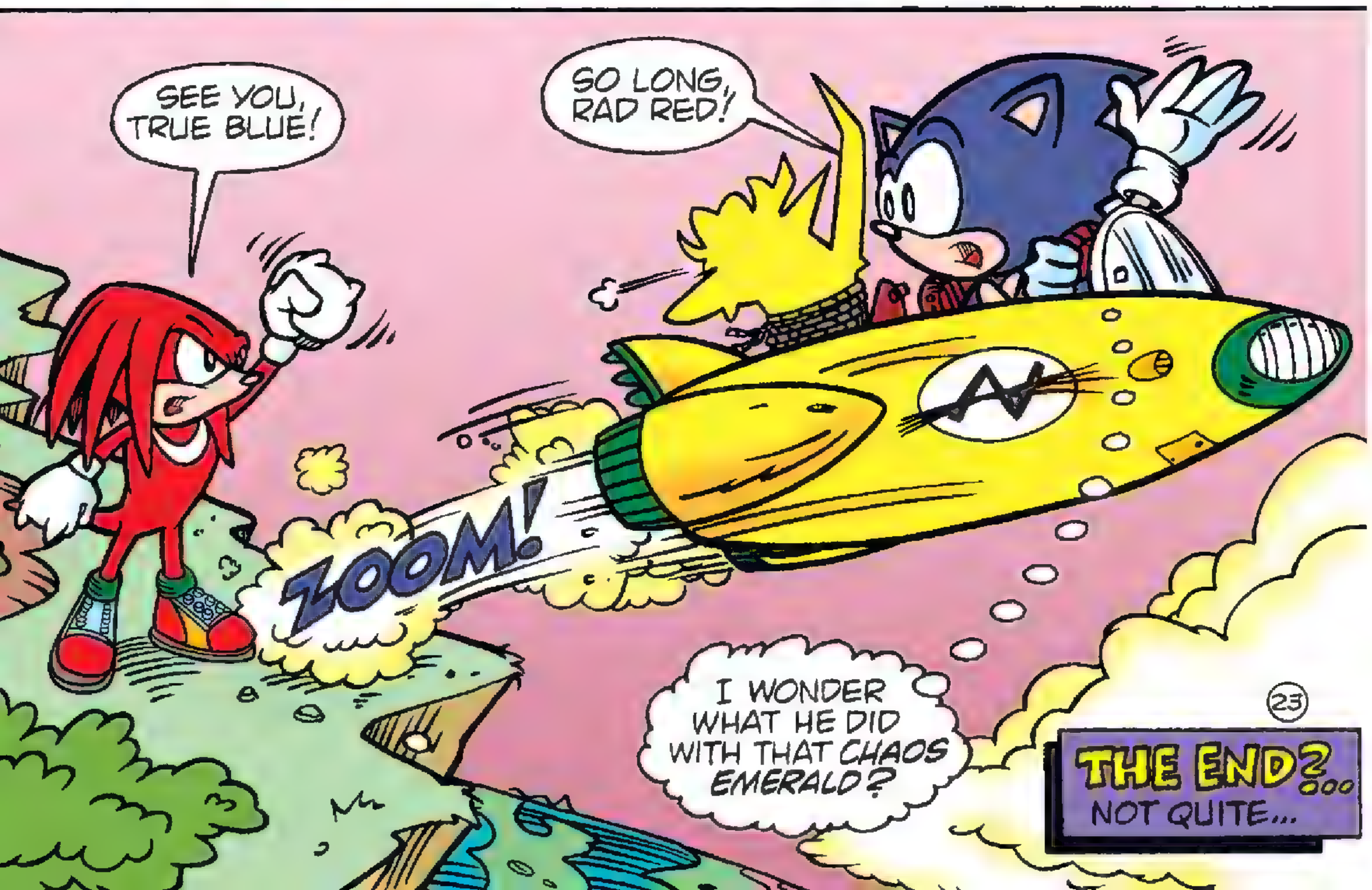



HUH? WE'RE BACK ON THE SURFACE--
--AND THE CHAOS EMERALD IS GONE!

SAY--HOW DID--
WHERE'D YOU PUT--
?
WHEN-
WHO-
?
HMMM...

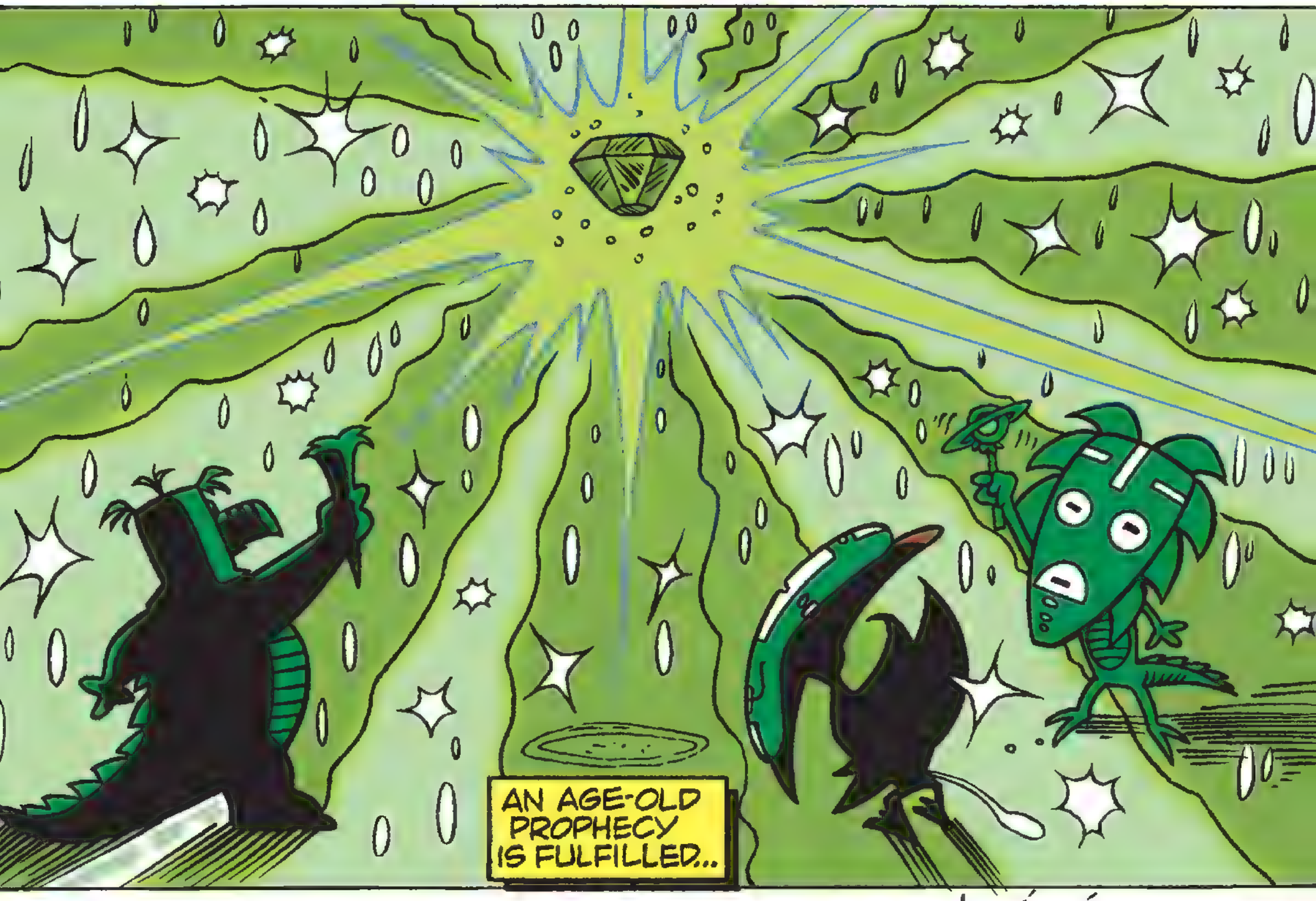

WELL, I'M GOING HOME... ABOARD NACK THE WEASEL'S SKY CYCLE! I SAW A REMOTE SWITCH ON HIS WRIST RADIO..
AH.
SKLOOSH!

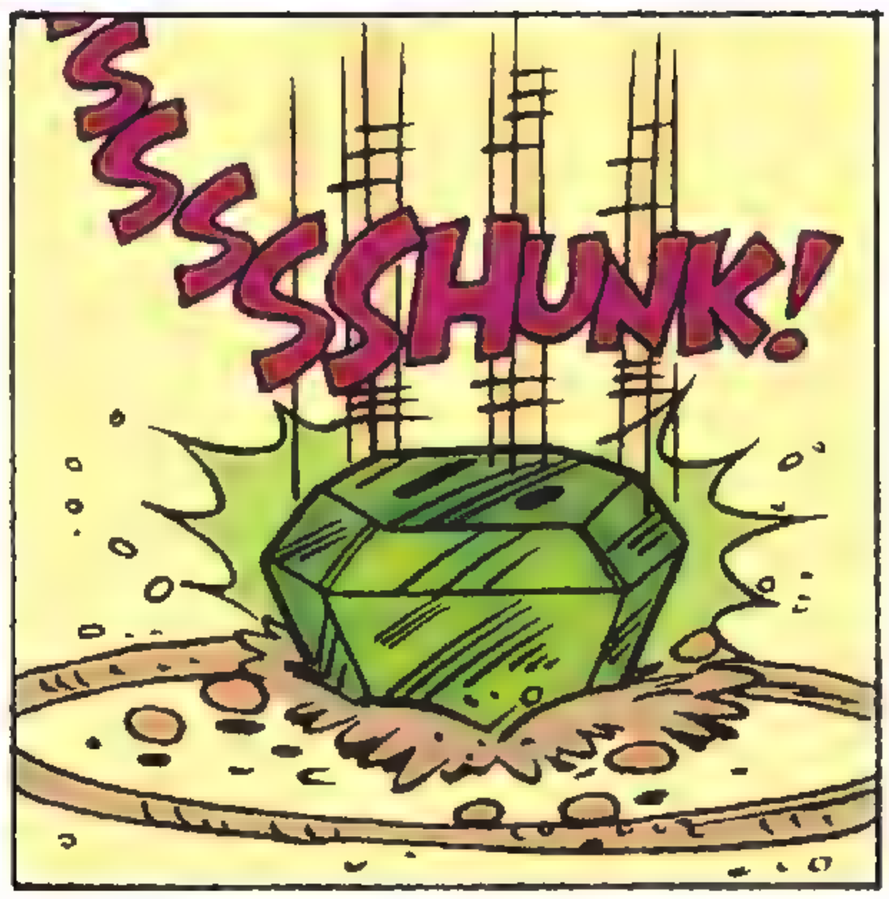

SORRY ABOUT OUR MISUNDERSTANDING!.
I STILL DON'T TRUST THAT ECHIDNA!
NO SWEAT!..
I'M KEEPING MY EYE ON THIS HEDGEHOG!

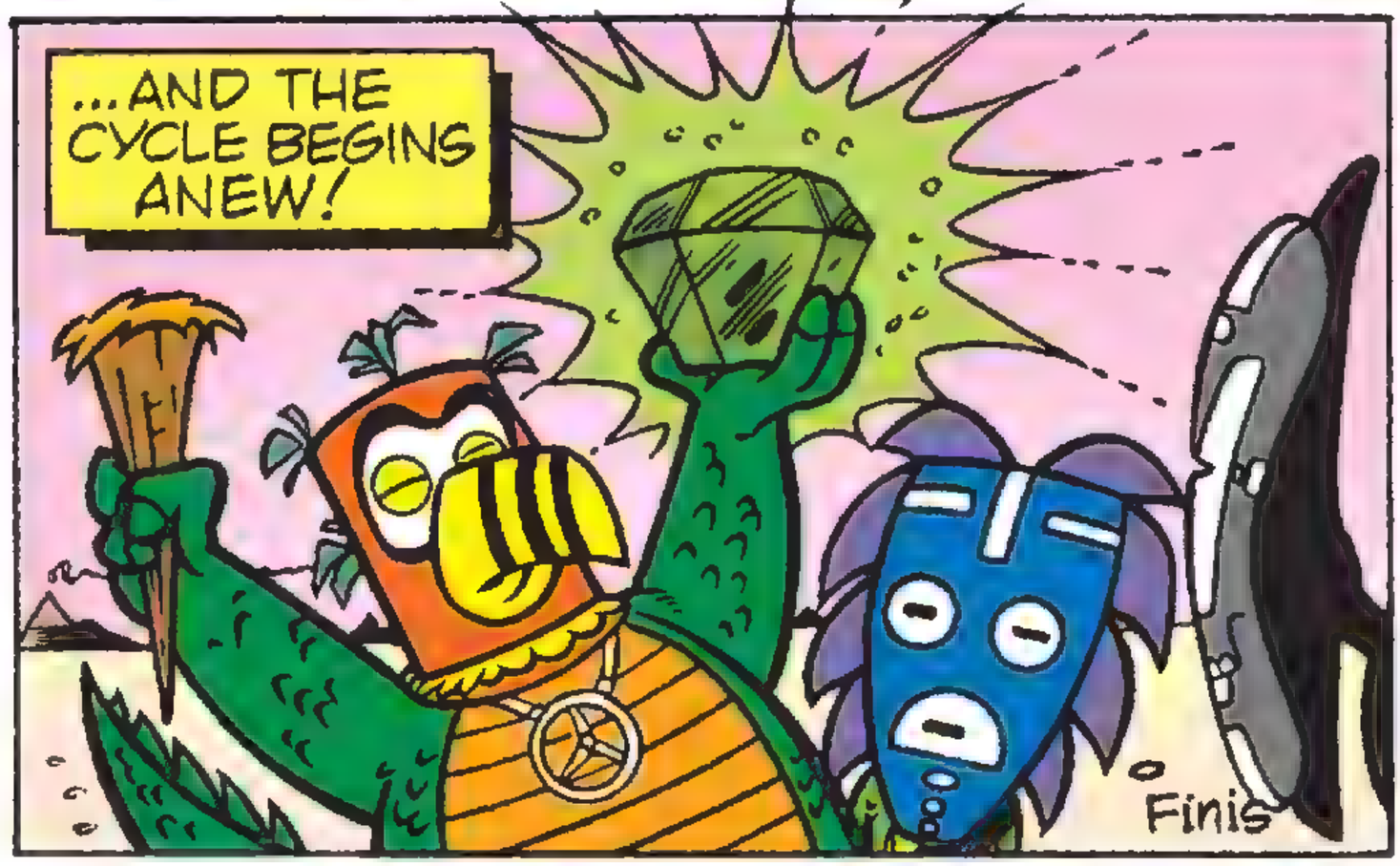

SEE YOU, TRUE BLUE!
SO LONG, RAD RED!
ZOOM!
I WONDER WHAT HE DID WITH THAT CHAOS EMERALD?
THE END?... NOT QUITE...

EPILOG
ELSEWHERE, A CIRCLE IS DRAWN IN THE SAND...

ANCIENT EYES LOOK SKYWARD...


AN AGE-OLD PROPHECY IS FULFILLED...


SSSSHUNK!


...AND THE CYCLE BEGINS ANEW!
Finis

TAILS, IN A SOLO STORY: "SUBMERSIBLE REHEARSAL"

CHECK IT OUT! I FINISHED YOUR SUBMARINE* "THE SEA FOX"!

OH, *WOW!* IT'S WAY PAST RADICOOL!

THANKS, *ROTOR!*

*ALLUDED TO IN THIS ISSUE'S FIRST STORY- Editor

YOU'VE BEEN WANTING ONE SINCE WE RODE IN MY BATHYSPHERE WAY BACK WHEN!** THIS MODEL'S GOT A LOT OF NEW FEATURES!

EXCELLENT! I'M GONNA FIRE IT UP AND SEE WHAT THIS BABY CAN DO!

PLUNK!

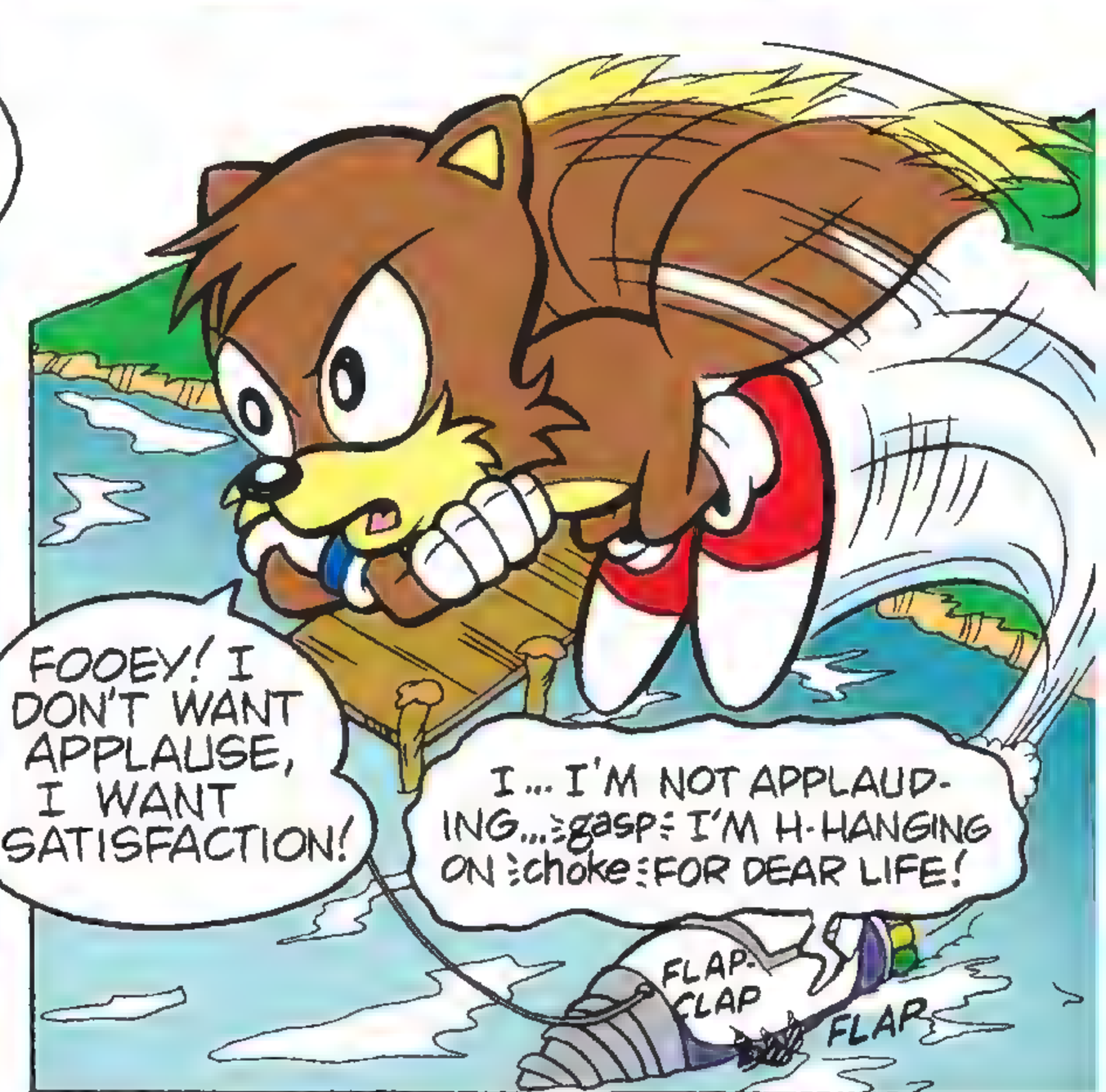
SPLOOP!

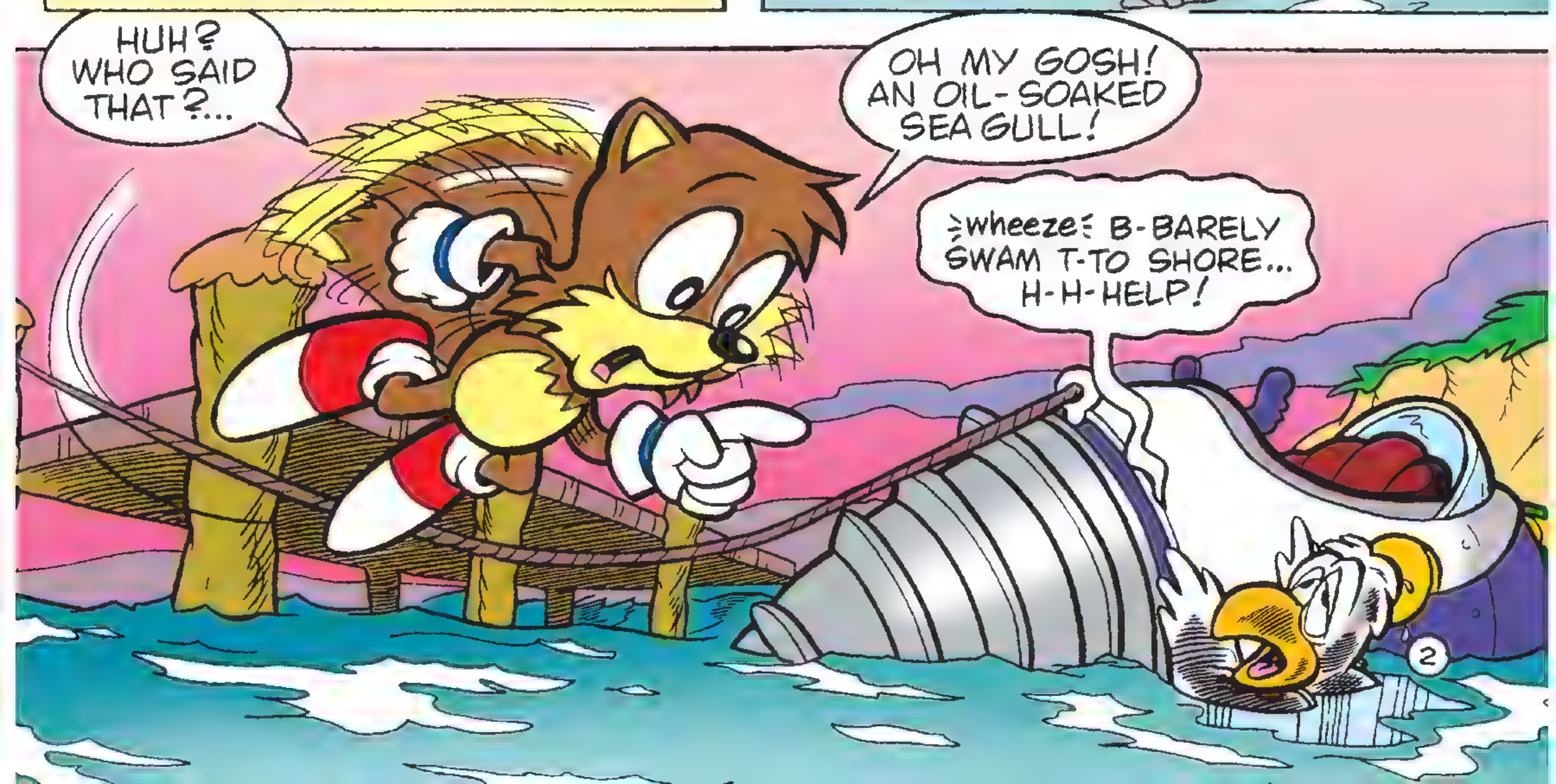
**DIG THROUGH YOUR BACK ISSUES FOR SONIC LTD. SERIES #1 -Editor

SORRY, LI'L BUDDY... PRINCESS SALLY SAYS YOU'RE STILL TOO YOUNG... SHE TOLD ME NOT TO PUT ANY OIL IN THE SUB!
HUH? YOU MEAN IT DOESN'T WORK?
OIL

NOT WITHOUT OIL! I'M JUST FOLLOWING ORDERS! YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF FUN PRETENDING WHILE YOU'RE TIED TO THE DOCK... SEE YA!

THIS IS AN OUTRAGE! HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I HELPED THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS BATTLE ROBOTNIK?* YET THEY STILL TREAT ME LIKE A CHILD! AFTER ALL I'VE DONE!
CLAP-
CLAP
CLAP-FLAP-CLAP..
*YOU TELL US - WRITE "SONIC-GRAMS" Ed.


FOOEY! I DON'T WANT APPLAUSE, I WANT SATISFACTION!
I... I'M NOT APPLAUDING...:gasp: I'M H-HANGING ON :choke: FOR DEAR LIFE!
FLAP-CLAP
FLAP


HUH? WHO SAID THAT?...
OH MY GOSH! AN OIL-SOAKED SEA GULL!
:wheeze: B-BARELY SWAM T-TO SHORE... H-H-HELP!
2

SURE...GRAB HOLD! WHOA, YOUR WINGS ARE SLIPPERY!

:koff: I ESCAPED... B-BUT THE OTHERS... OH, THE HORROR!

ROBOTNIK'S GOT A NEW UNDERSEA HENCHMAN REBUILDING HIS SUB-MERGED, WATERPROOF ROBOT MAKER!

BUT WE TRASHED IT... AND HIS PIRANHA-BOT!

*IN THE AFOREMENTIONED SONIC LTD. SERIES #1 -Editor

THIS GUY'S *EIGHT* TIMES WORSE! HE'S GRABBING INNOCENT CREATURES TO BE ROBOTICIZED! YOU'VE GOTTA GET IN YOUR SUB-MARINE AND STOP HIM!

I CAN SEE THE LOCATION FROM THE OIL SLICK YOU LEFT, BUT...

YEAH-- HE *OILED* ME UP GOOD! I'M A *10-W-40* MESS! WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH ALL THIS **OIL ?!?**

SOON...

BY DRAINING THE OIL OFF THE GULL AND INTO MY SUB'S CRANKCASE, IT STARTED RIGHT UP!

AHA-- THERE'S THE UNDERWATER ROBOT FACTORY!

GRAND RE-OPENING

YOW! AND THERE'S ROBOTNIK'S NEW HENCHMAN--

IN OCTOBOT'S THE NAME! TURNING YOU GUYS INTO MINDLESS ROBOTS IS THE GAME!

:Blub: HELP!

SEA FOX TO THE RESCUE!

WHOOOSH...

WHAT THE--?!

TURN THEM LOOSE, YOU EIGHT-ARMED IDIOT!

OOUMF!

WE'RE FREE!

HOORAY!

OOOGAH...

I'M ON A ROLL... A *TORPEDO* ROLL, THAT IS...

8 ROBOTICIZERS - NO WADING!

FSSSSH...

YEE-HA! BLEW THAT SUCKER OUT OF THE WATER!

OH, NO! ALL MY BEAUTIFUL WICKEDNESS...

BUH-BOOOSH!

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! RETURNING TO PORT... OR IS IT STARBOARD?..

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF OCTOBOT! I'LL BE BACK-- YOU'LL SEE!*

* IS HE TALKING ABOUT A TAILS MINI-SERIES? STAY TUNED! -Editor

NICE JOB! I SAW THE WATERSPOUT FROM HERE!

I'M GONNA DO SOME SPOUTING MYSELF... BACK AT KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS ABOUT THIS ADVENTURE! WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME ALONG?

MAYBE SOME OTHER TIME... I'VE GOT A DATE-- AND I DON'T LIKE TO KEEP MY GULL FRIEND WAITING!

THE END

SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS
KNUCKLES™

IN

FIRST CONTACT

I SWEAR YOU'LL BE THE DEATH OF ME YET, VECTOR!

WHY DO YOU ALWAYS DO THIS TO ME?

WELL, YOU BETTER WATCH IT NEXT TIME--

--OR I'LL REALLY MAKE IT HOT FOR YOU!

HSSS

BLUB BLUB

SO I ZIGGED WHEN I SHOULD'VE ZAGGED!

I USUALLY DON'T TRAVEL THE HOT SPOTS OF THE FLOATING ISLAND!

GRACIAS, AMIGO!

LATER!

SIGH

WHY DO I EVEN BOTHER?

HMMMM?

THE DREADLOCKS ON MY HEAD ARE *TWITCHING!*

SOMETHING *SMELLS*, BIG TIME!

HMM! A VERY *LOW* SOUND -- IT'S *NEARBY!*

WAITAMINUTE! WHAT'S *THAT?!!*

"ARCHIMEDES"?

SOUNDS LIKE A *HISTORY* LESSON!

BUT THAT *SMOKE* COMING FROM THE ROCK MUST BE WHAT I *SMELLED!*

ARCHIMEDES

NOW *WHO*--OR *WHAT*-- IS AN *ARCHIMEDES?*

AND *HOW* COULD *HE-SHE-IT* MAKE THIS INSCRIPTION AND GET AWAY *WITHOUT* ME SEEING?!

WHATEVER -- THIS ARCHIMEDES *WANTS* ME TO FOLLOW 'IM --

--AND I DON'T *INTEND* TO DISAPPOINT!

NICE DAY IF IT DOESN'T RAIN, EH, *KNUCKLES?*

CATWEAZLE!

YOU *MANGY* COCKATOO! YOU DIDN'T HAPPEN TO *SEE* ANYTHING UNUSUAL *PASS* THIS WAY BY ANY CHANCE?

NOPE! BEEN REAL *PEACEFUL* HERE ALL *DAY!* SORRY I CAN'T BE MUCH HELP!

WHAT *ELSE* IS NEW? SO MUCH FOR THAT!

NO PROBLEMO! I'LL CATCH YA LATER!

DON'T BE A *STRANGER,* KNUCKLES!

WHAT *WAS* I THINKING? AS USUAL, CATWEAZLE HAS "SEEDS ON THE BRAIN"!

... AND HE'S NOT GOING TO HELP MY *SEARCH!*

THE *TRAIL* IS STARTING TO GET *COLD!* THIS HAS--

HELLO!

FA-Vooooooo-SH!

MAYBE I WOKE UP ON THE *WRONG* SIDE OF THE BED?

WHAT *DID* I DO TO *DESERVE* THIS?

FA-VOOOOSH

FA-VOOOOSH!

FA-VOOOOSH!

WELL, I'M *THROUGH* BEIN' EVERYONE'S *PIGEON!*

IT'S ONE OF THAT JERK *ROBOTNIK'S* ROBOTS!

COULD IT *BE--?*

FWOOOOSH!

YEAH, I BET IT'S *HIM!* I BET HE'S *BACK!*

AND I *ALSO* BET HE'S THIS *"ARCHIMEDES"!*

HE'S TRICKED ME BEFORE!*

AND I PROMISED MYSELF NO ONE WOULD DO THAT *AGAIN!*

HERE'S *MUD* IN YOUR *EYE!*

VA-BOOOOM!

SCRATCH THAT 'BOT!

NOW TO SEE IF THE *BIG CHEESE* HIMSELF IS HERE!

AND ONCE I *FIND* 'IM--

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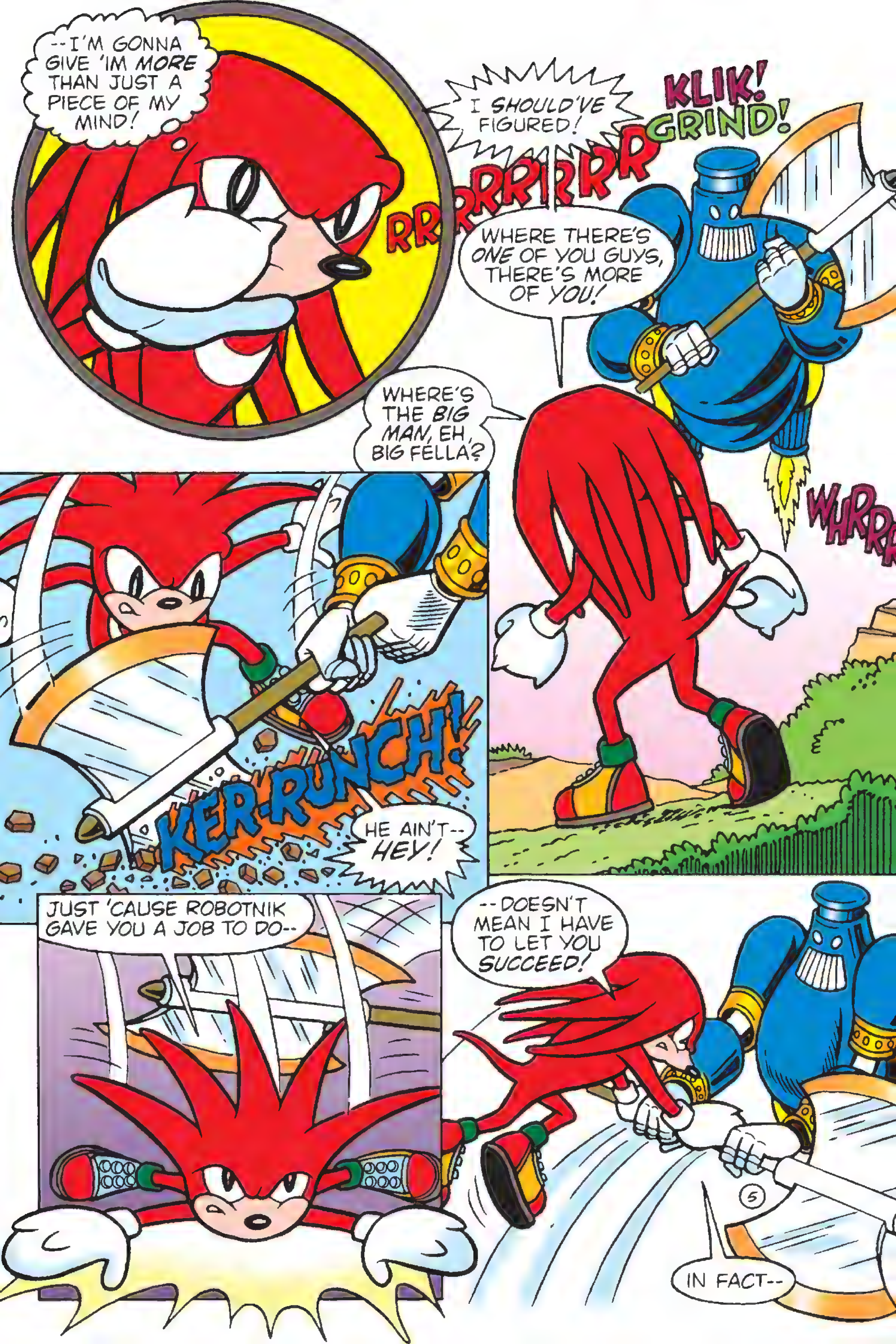

--I'M GONNA GIVE 'IM MORE THAN JUST A PIECE OF MY MIND!
I SHOULD'VE FIGURED!
KLIK! GRIND!
RRRRRRRR
WHERE THERE'S ONE OF YOU GUYS, THERE'S MORE OF YOU!
WHERE'S THE BIG MAN, EH, BIG FELLA?
WHRRR
KER-RUNCH!
HE AIN'T-- HEY!
JUST 'CAUSE ROBOTNIK GAVE YOU A JOB TO DO--
--DOESN'T MEAN I HAVE TO LET YOU SUCCEED!
IN FACT--
5

--YOU JUST AREN'T CUT OUT FOR THE JOB AT ALL!
WHAM
KAKAKA-BOOM!
NEVER SEND A 'BOT TO DO AN ECHIDNA'S JOB, I ALWAYS SAY!
AT LEAST ONE THING'S FOR SURE--
WSH WSH
ROBOTNIK CAN'T BE FAR AWAY!
ALTHOUGH ONCE I GET MY MITTS ON HIM, HE'LL SURE WISH HE WAS!
I'M GONNAAAAAAK
YOU'LL WHAT?
WHUMP!

I'M GONNA *FIRST* FIGURE OUT WHAT I'M DOING IN THE *CHAOS CHAMBER*--

--THEN I'M GONNA THROW YOU *OFF* THE ISLAND ONCE AND FOR ALL, ROBOTNIK!

ROBOTNIK?

DID YOU *SAY* ROBOTNIK?

IF THE SHOE FITS...

FIRST YOU THINK I'M SOME *HEDGEHOG,** THEN A *MAD TYRANT!*

WELL, WHO ELSE *COULD* YOU BE?

YOU SAW THE *NAME* ON THE *STONE.*

THERE IS ONLY ONE *ARCHIMEDES* AND *I* AM HE.

*AS SHOWN IN SONIC & KNUCKLES SPECIAL #1 STORY "FIRE DRILL"-- Editor

WHY DON'T YOU *SHOW* YOURSELF TO *ME?*

AH, BUT THAT IS *PART* OF THE *LESSON!*

ONLY WHEN YOU CAN *FIND* ME--

--WILL WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE *CAPABLE* OF SEEING THE *ANSWER* WITHIN THE *QUESTION!*

WHAT DO YOU *MEAN?*

YOU ARE TOO QUICK TO *ACT*, AND NOT ONE TO *REFLECT!*

PONDER *THIS* UNTIL NEXT WE SPEAK!

WAIT!

HOW WILL I *FIND* YOU?

YOU YOU YOU YOU YOU YOU

THAT EVENING...

KNUCKLES! WHAT'S *UP*, MY MAN?

YOU'RE *WAY* TOO QUIET!

I'M *THINKING*, VECTOR!

AND?

MY HEAD *HURTS!*

WHAT'CHA THINKING *ABOUT?*

THAT THINGS *WOULDN'T* HURT SO MUCH IF I *DIDN'T* THINK!

AND SOMETIMES...

I GUESS YOU HAVE TO *WORK* HARD IF YOU WANT TO *ACCOMPLISH* ANYTHING!

AND I HAVE A *PUZZLE* NAMED *ARCHIMEDES* TO SOLVE!

AND YOU CAN WATCH KNUCKLES SOLVE THIS PUZZLE AND LEARN MORE ABOUT VECTOR IN THE UPCOMING KNUCKLES CHAOTIX SPECIAL!

THE SUBSTITUTE FREEDOM FIGHTERS

WATCHA WORKING ON, BIG FELLA?

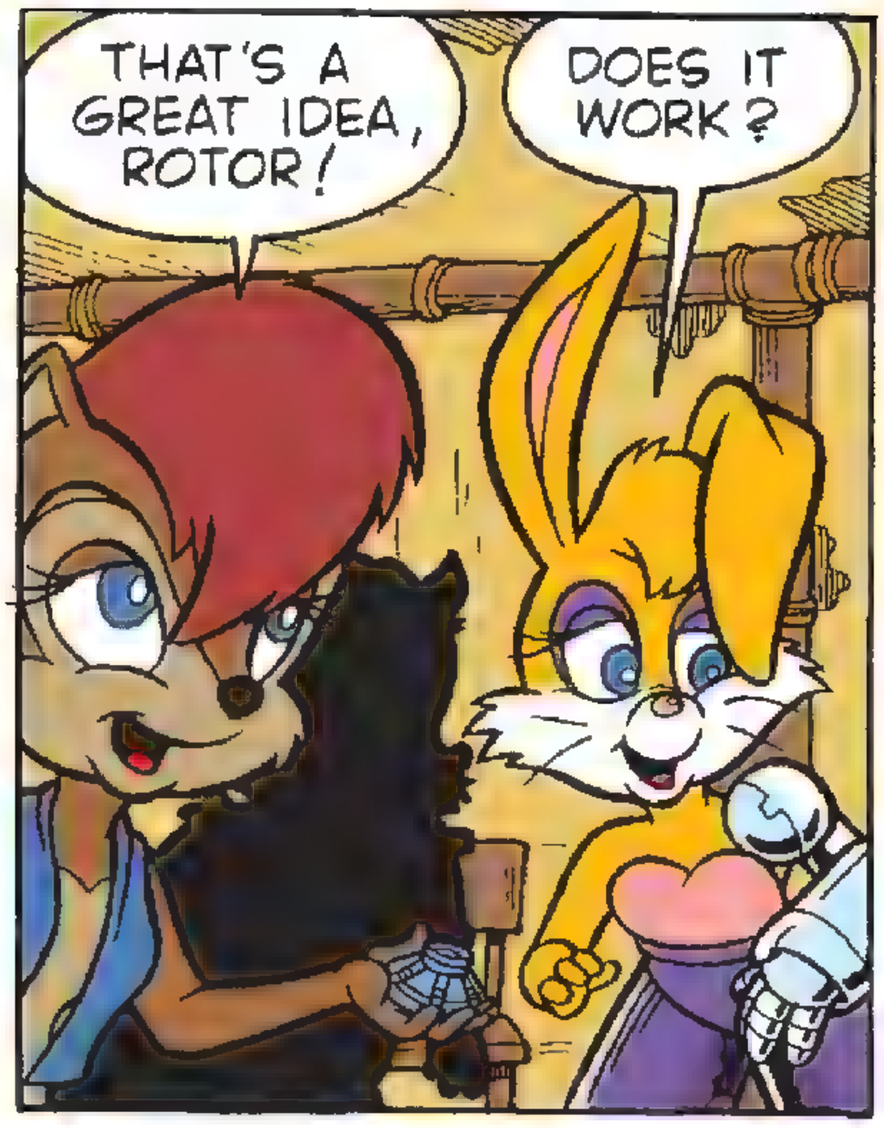
OUI... WHAT ISS ZEE ARTEEST'S LATEEST MASTERPIECE?

HMMM? OH!

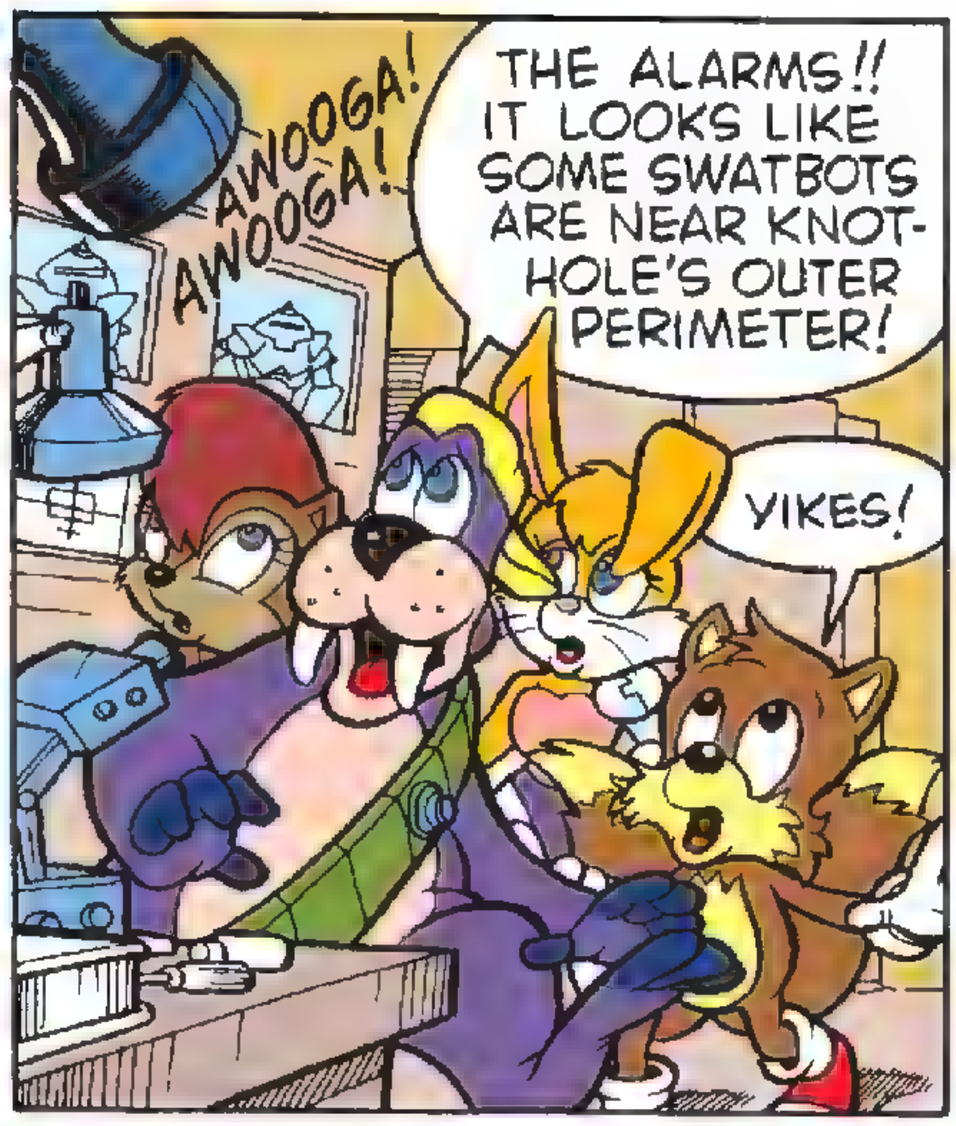
IT'S CALLED THE "MICRO BELT-CAM"! IT'S A DEVICE THAT WILL ATTACH TO MY BELT AND RECORD OUR ACTIONS IN COMBAT.

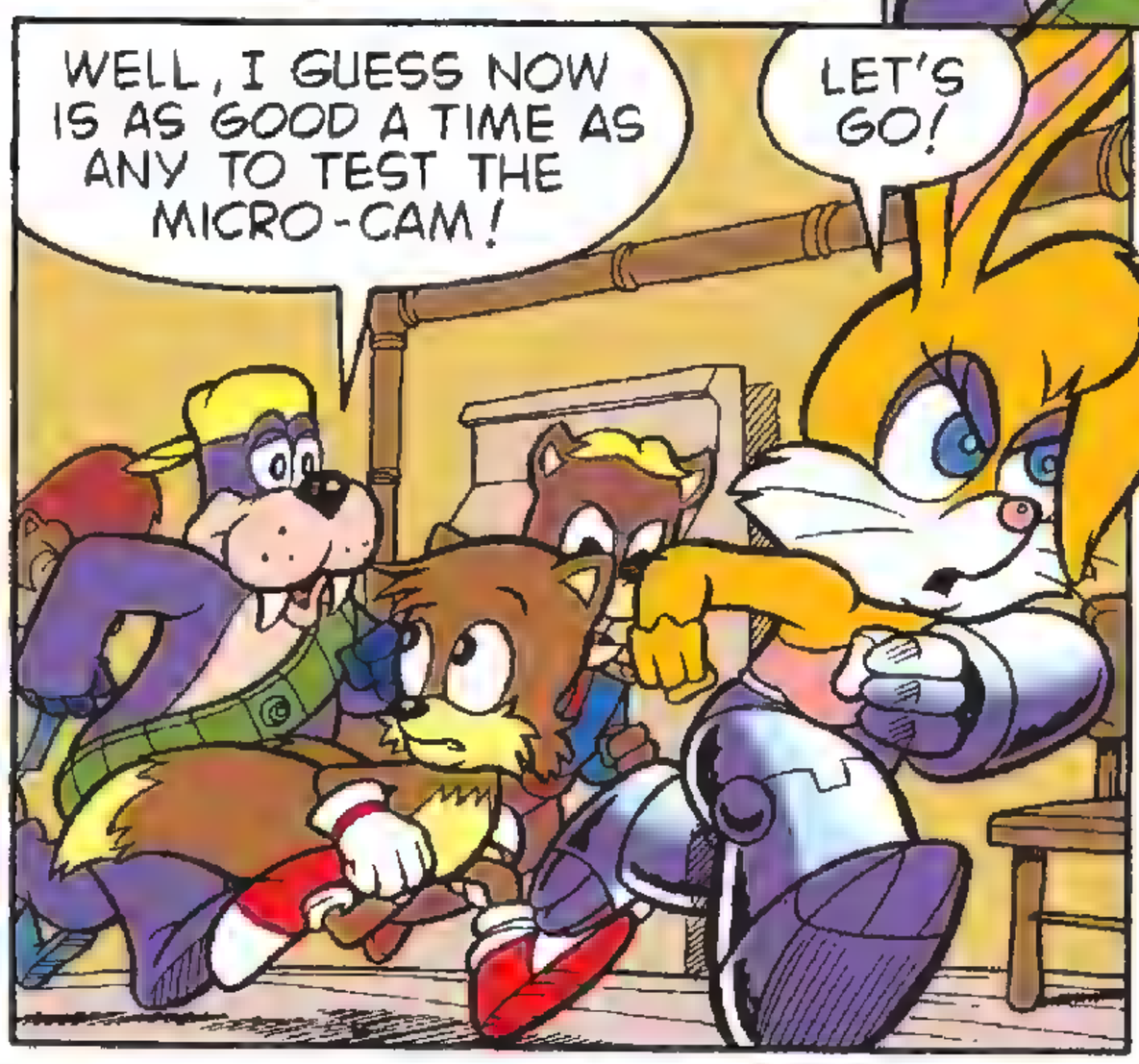
THE CAMERA RECORDS OUR ACTIVITIES AND RELAYS THEM BACK TO KNOTHOLE'S COMPUTERS. THEN WE CAN REVIEW THEM LATER TO IMPROVE OUR TEAMWORK.

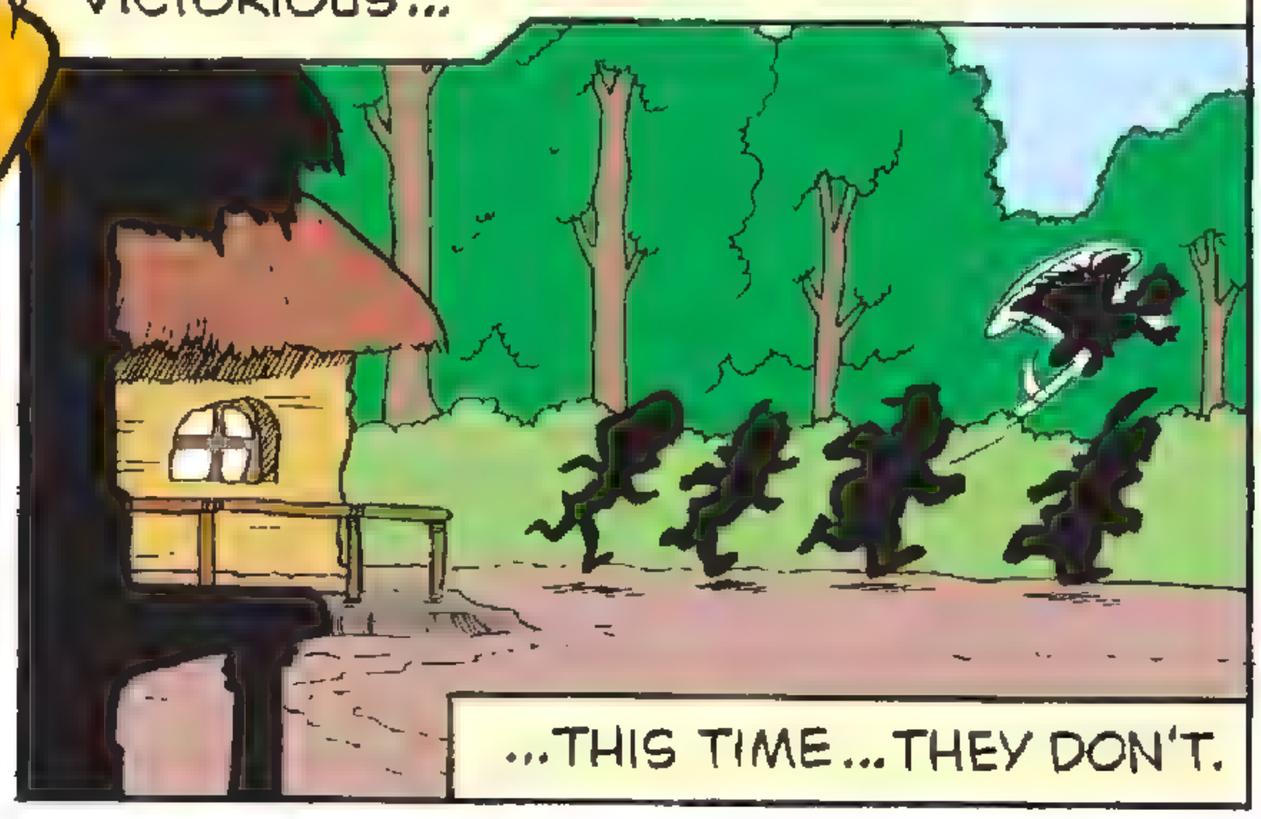
NEAT!


THAT'S A GREAT IDEA, ROTOR!
DOES IT WORK?

WELL, I HAVEN'T TESTED IT YET... BUT IT SHOULD.


AWOOGA! AWOOGA!
THE ALARMS!! IT LOOKS LIKE SOME SWATBOTS ARE NEAR KNOT-HOLE'S OUTER PERIMETER!
YIKES!

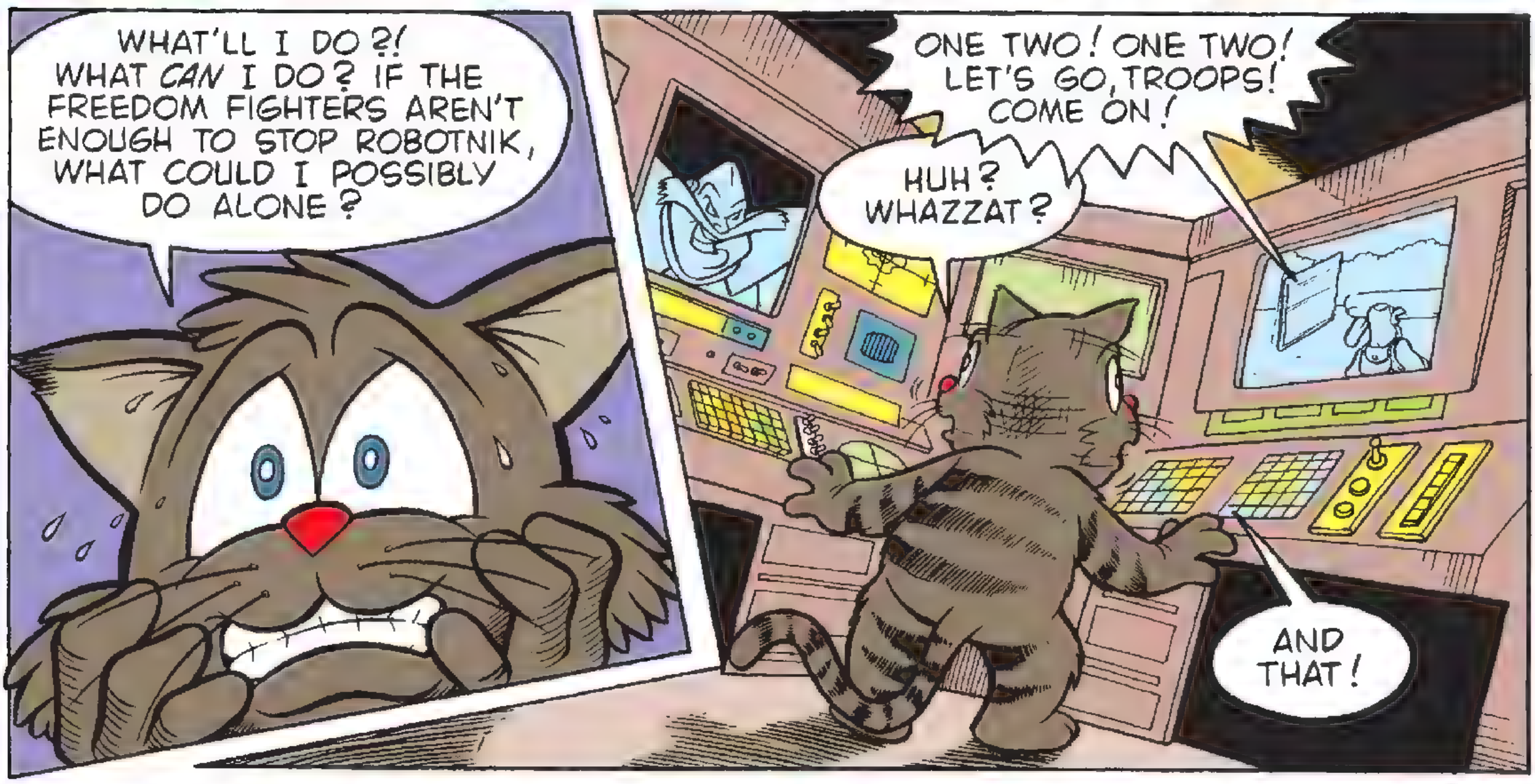

WELL, I GUESS NOW IS AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY TO TEST THE MICRO-CAM!
LET'S GO!


AND SO, AS THEY'VE DONE SO MANY TIMES BEFORE...THIS BAND OF HEROES RUSHES COURAGEOUSLY INTO UNKNOWN DANGER, CONFIDENT THEY WILL RETURN VICTORIOUS...
...THIS TIME...THEY DON'T.

SOME TIME LATER...
HELLO! ANYONE HOME? IT'S ME-- LARRY LYNX.
REMEMBER LARRY FROM SONIC #12?

HUH... I GUESS NO ONE'S HOME... OH WELL, I'LL STOP BACK SOME OTHER... HUH?!

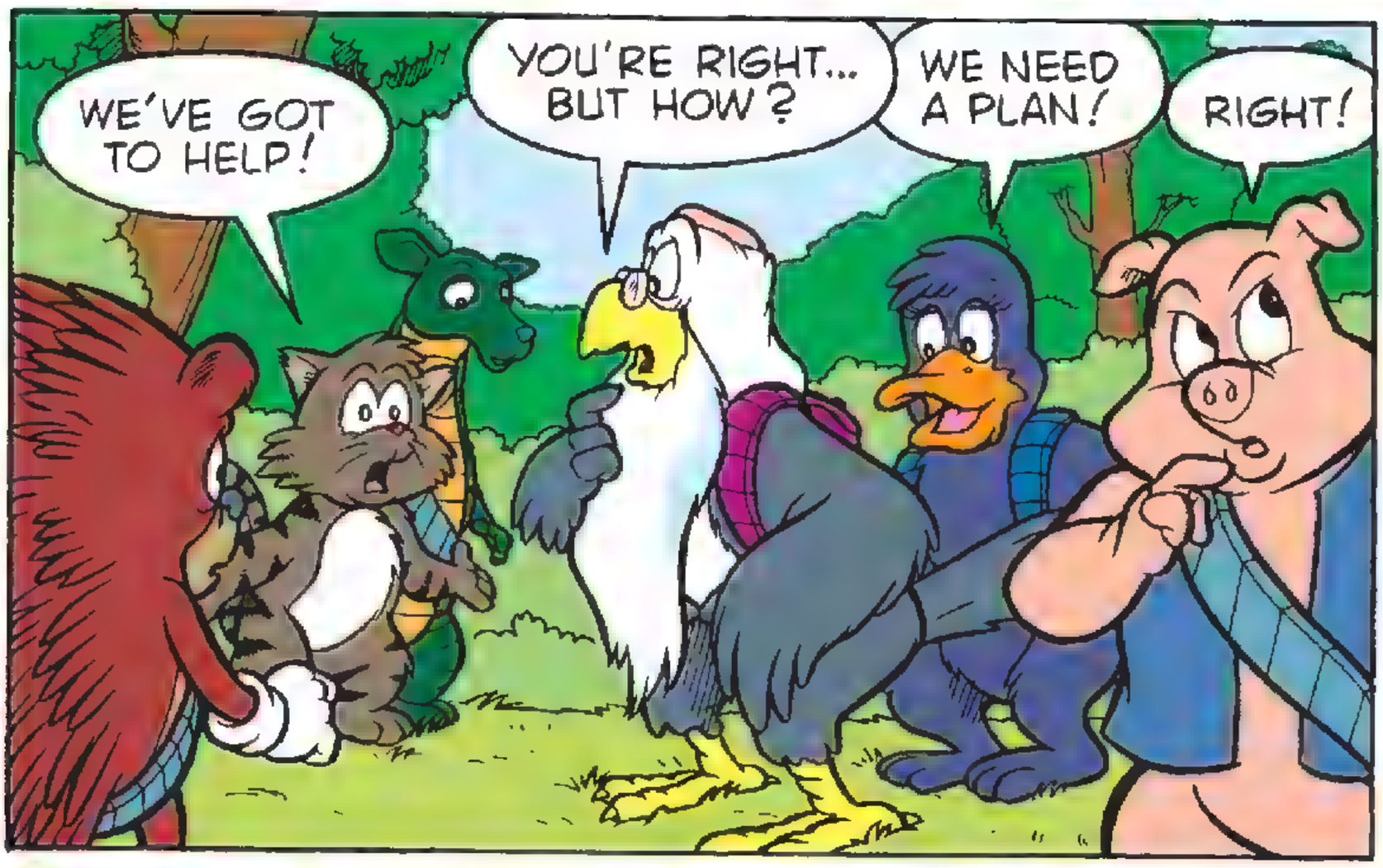
--RIGHT NEXT TO THE ONE FOR YOUR FRIENDS!
AND NOW THAT I HAVE YOU, I WILL FINALLY BE RID OF YOU ALL...
WHAT'S THIS ON THE MONITOR?!



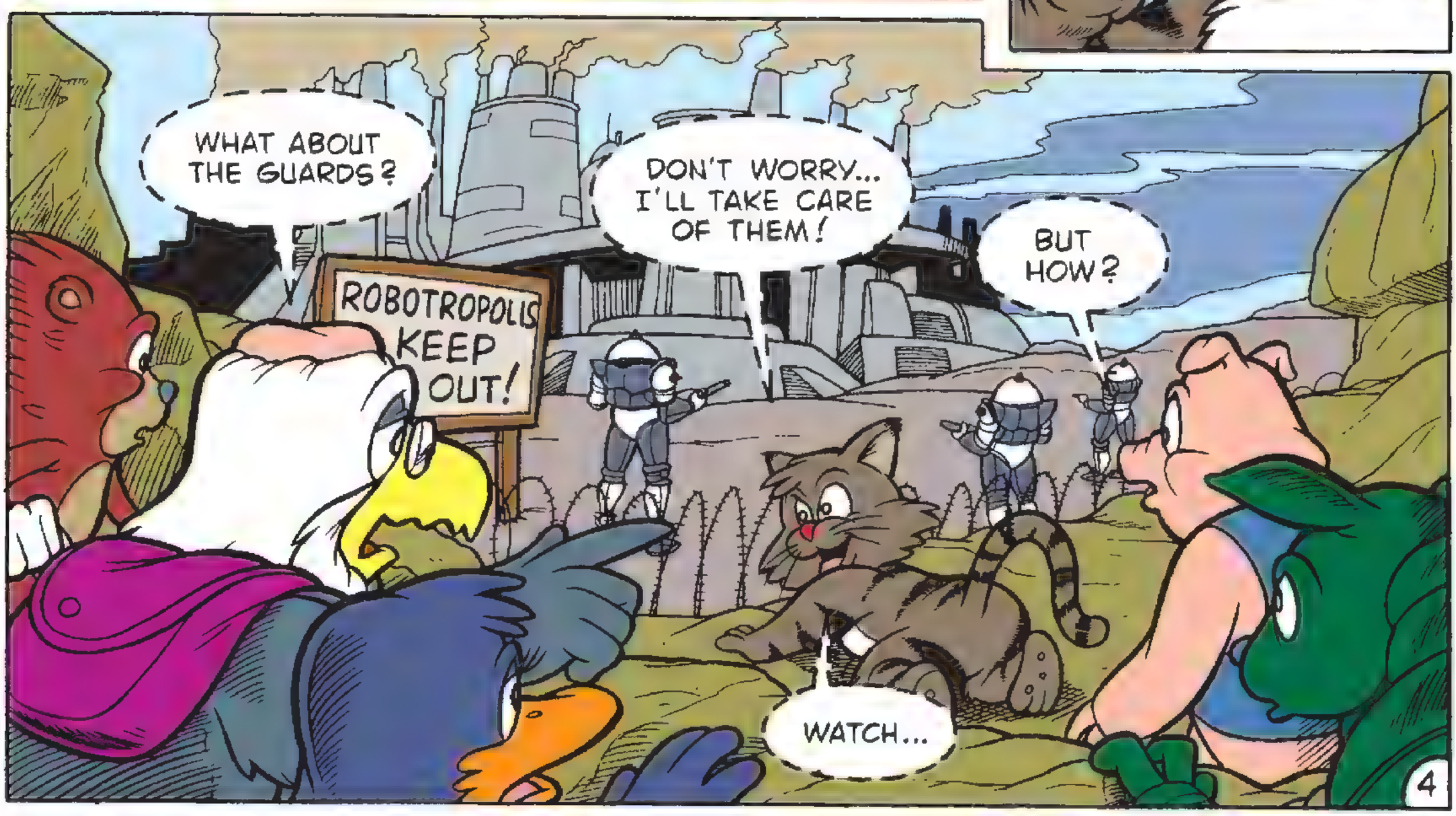
HEY LOOK...
IT'S CYRIL THE EAGLE ALSO FROM #12 *Editor*

PANT...PANT... NEED... HELP.
CALM DOWN, SON! WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WRONG?

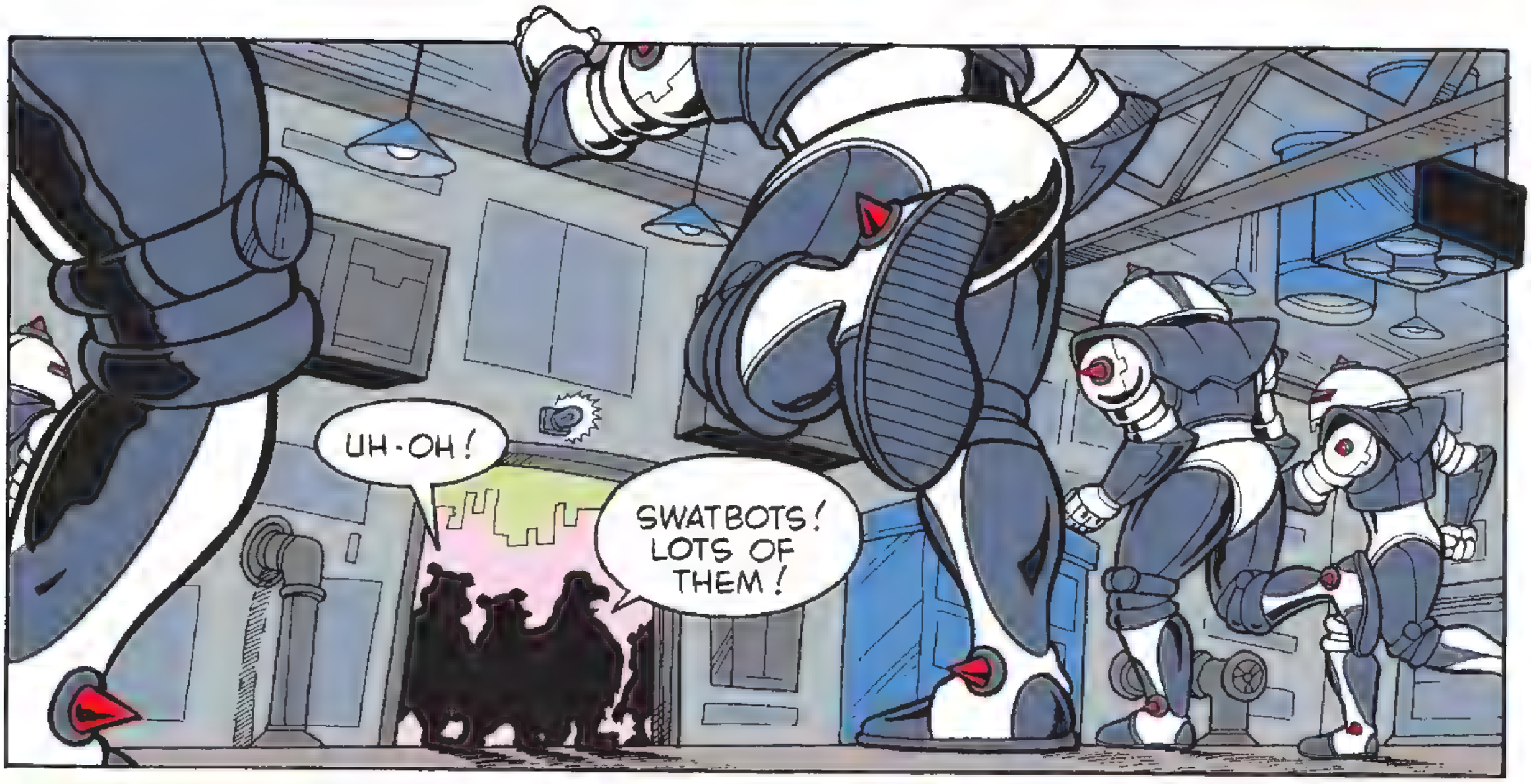
THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY DR. ROBOTNIK! AND HE GOT RID OF SONIC SOMEHOW!
OH MY!
GASP!


WE'VE GOT TO HELP!
YOU'RE RIGHT... BUT HOW?
WE NEED A PLAN!
RIGHT!

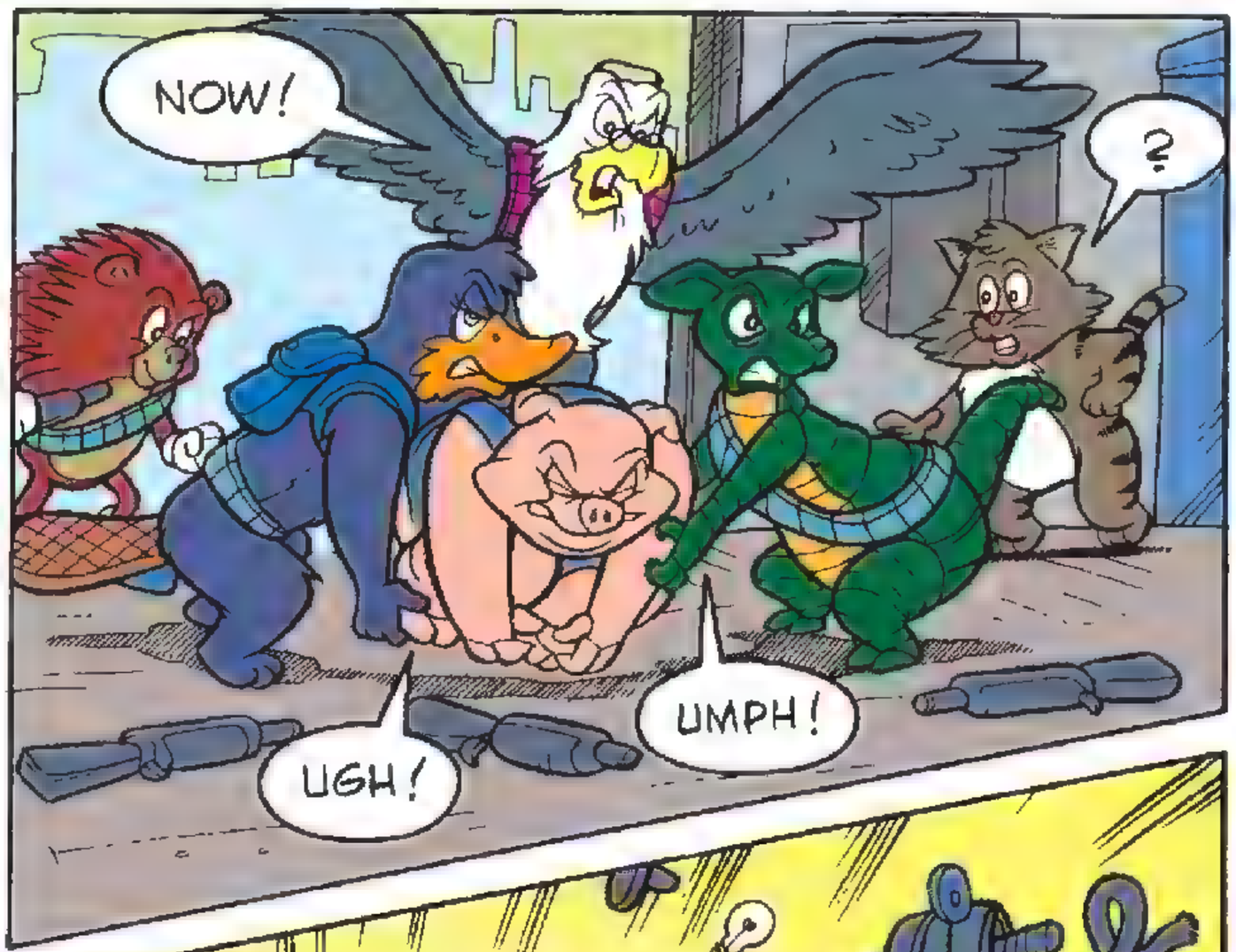
THERE'S NO TIME! WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE IT UP AS WE GO!

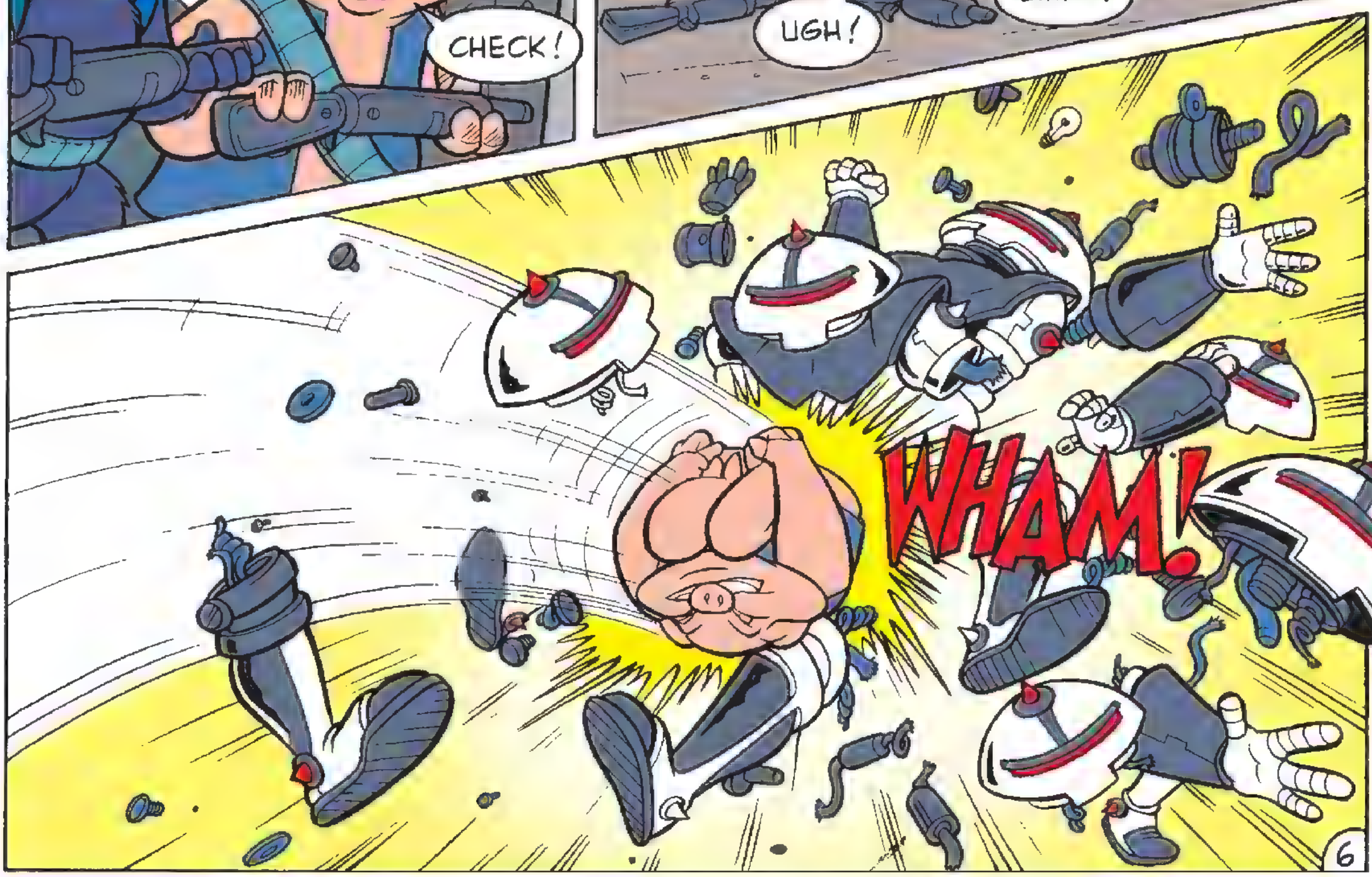

WHAT ABOUT THE GUARDS?
ROBOTROPOLIS KEEP OUT!
DON'T WORRY... I'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM!
BUT HOW?
WATCH...

"... AND SEE!"
INTRUDER! *HALT* OR WE WILL SHOOT!
HALT!
HALT!
WHAT THEY SAID.
YEAH, YEAH! GO AHEAD AND SHOOT, TIN CAN!
WHOOPS!
PZOW
ZAP
ZZZZT!
EEP!
ZRAK
PZOW
WORKS EVERY TIME!
CYRIL! FLY OVERHEAD AND SIGNAL IF ALL'S CLEAR.
RIGHT!
A MINUTE LATER...
ALL'S CLEAR! LET'S GO GET 'EM!
CAN YOU OPEN IT, DYLAN?
HMM
PLUCK
I *THINK* SO.
WE'RE IN!
ON YOUR TOES, EVERYONE!


UH-OH!
SWATBOTS! LOTS OF THEM!

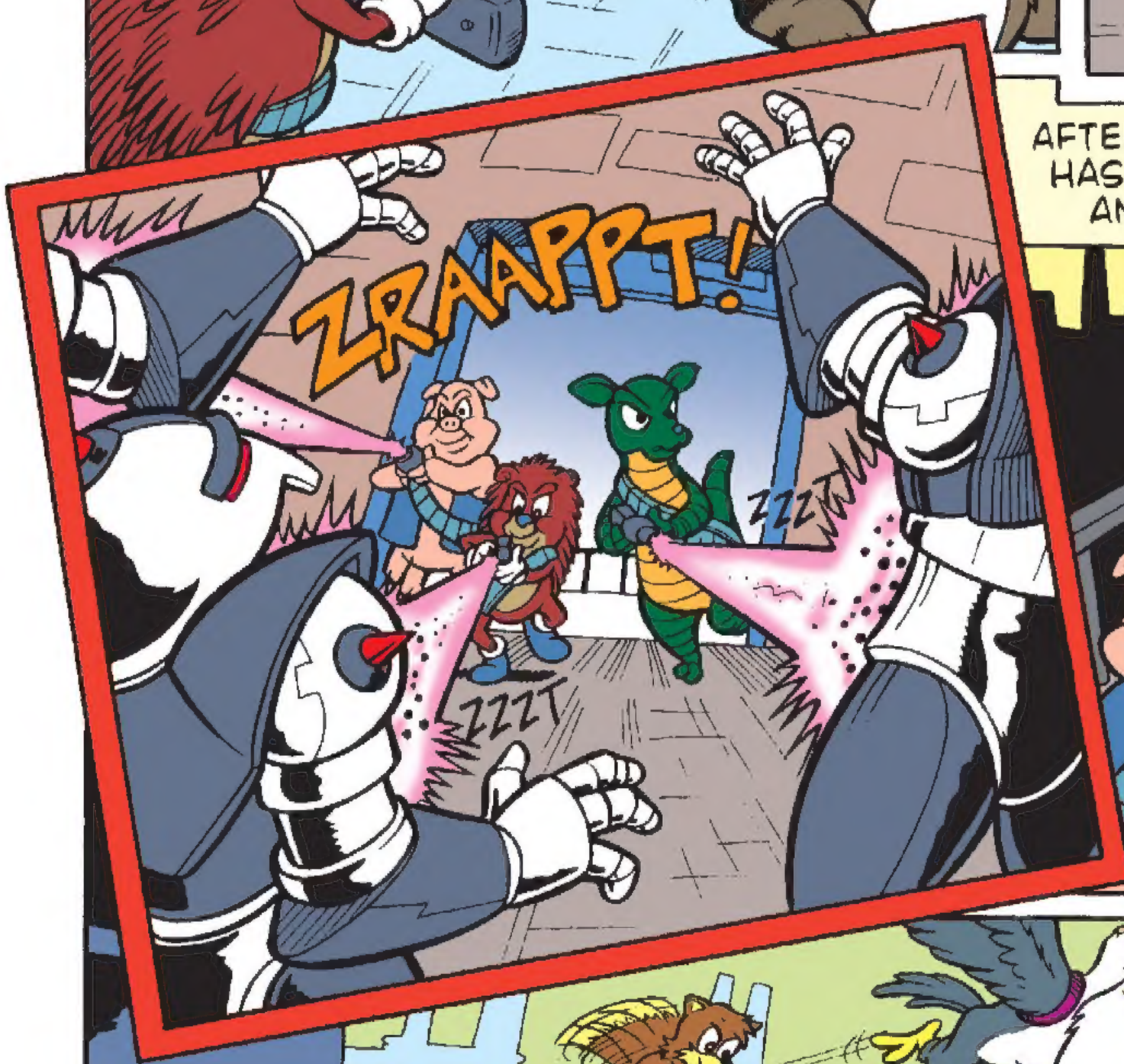
INITIATE MANEUVER 12!
CHECK!

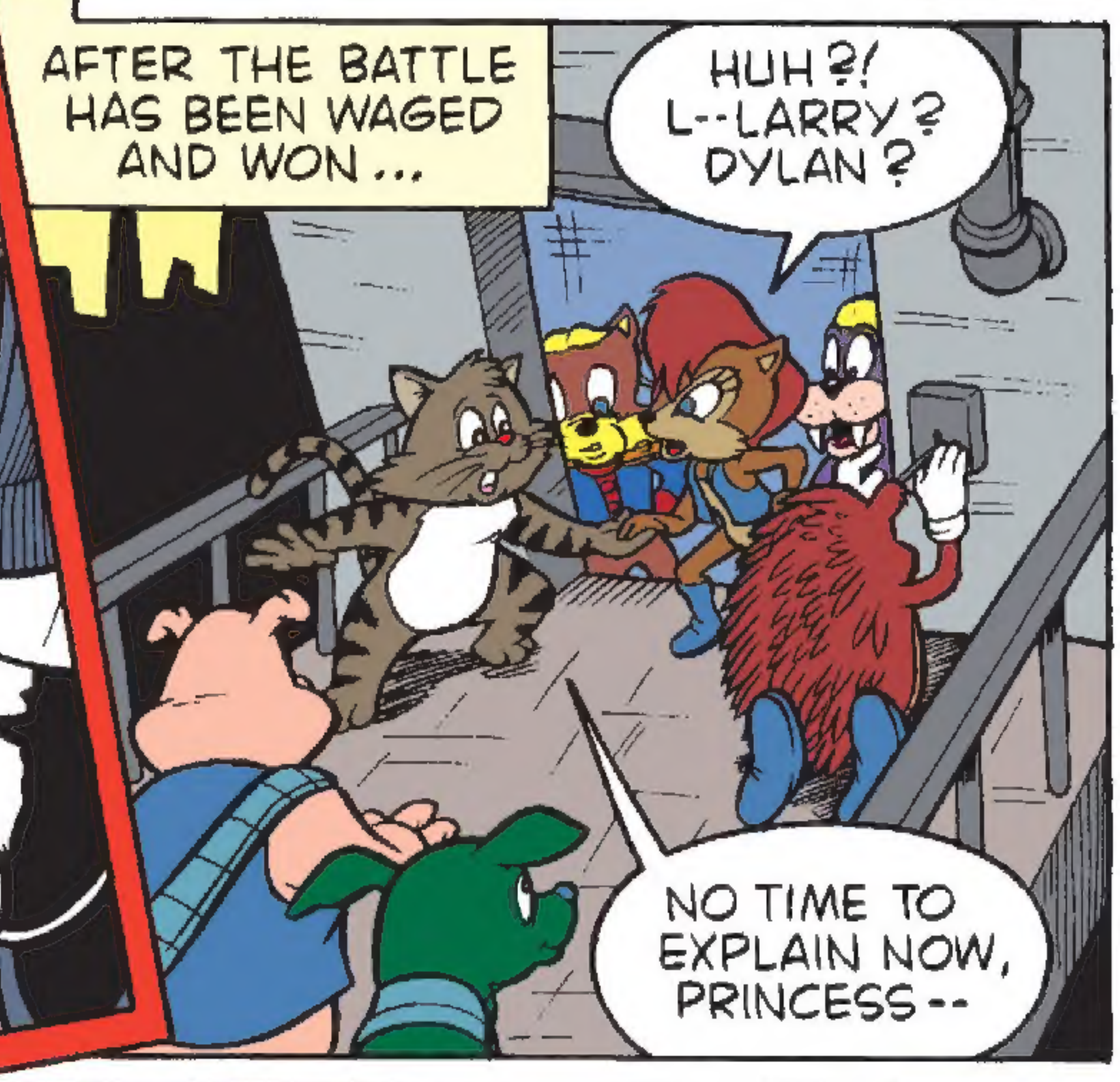

NOW!
?
UGH!
UMPH!

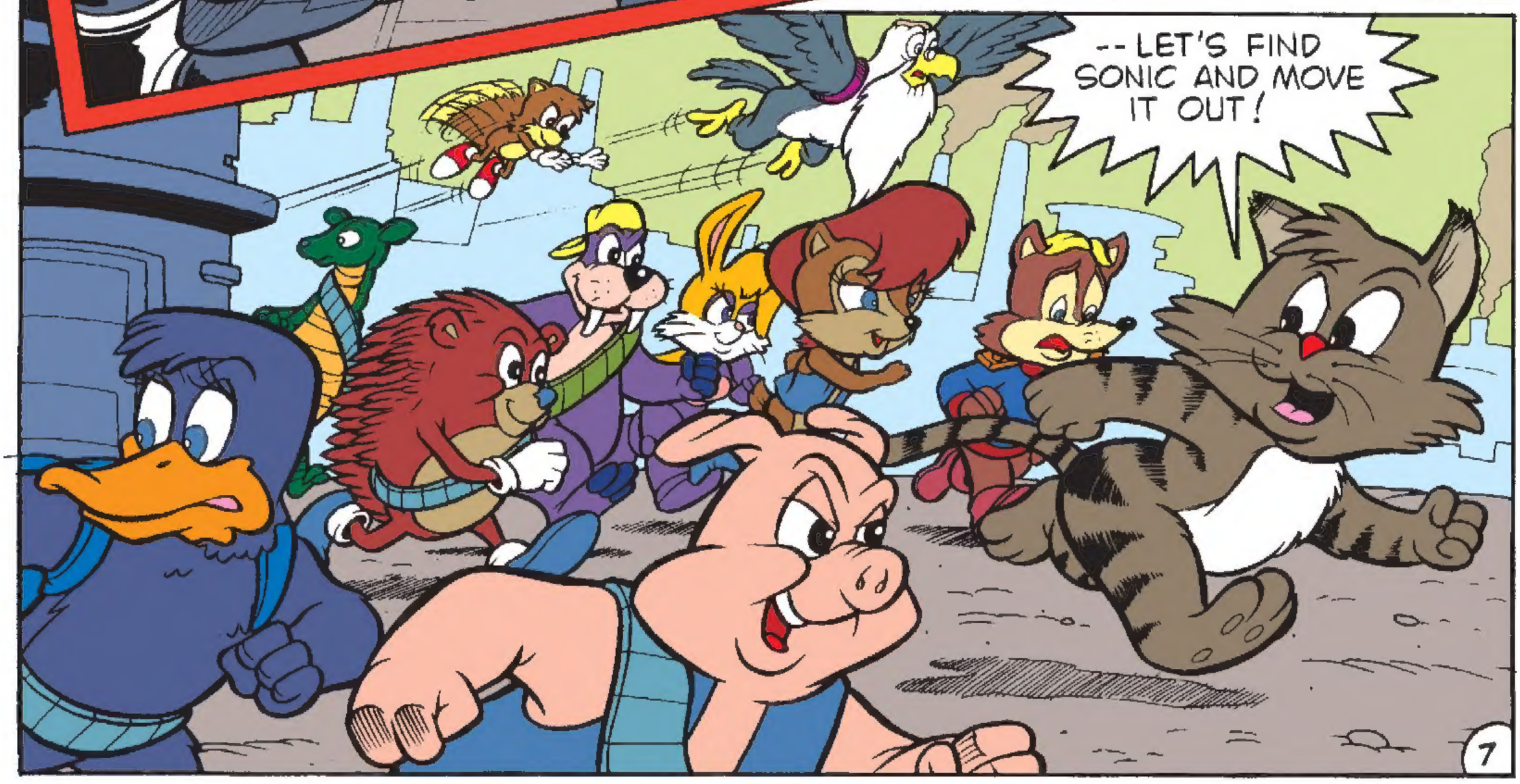

WHAM!

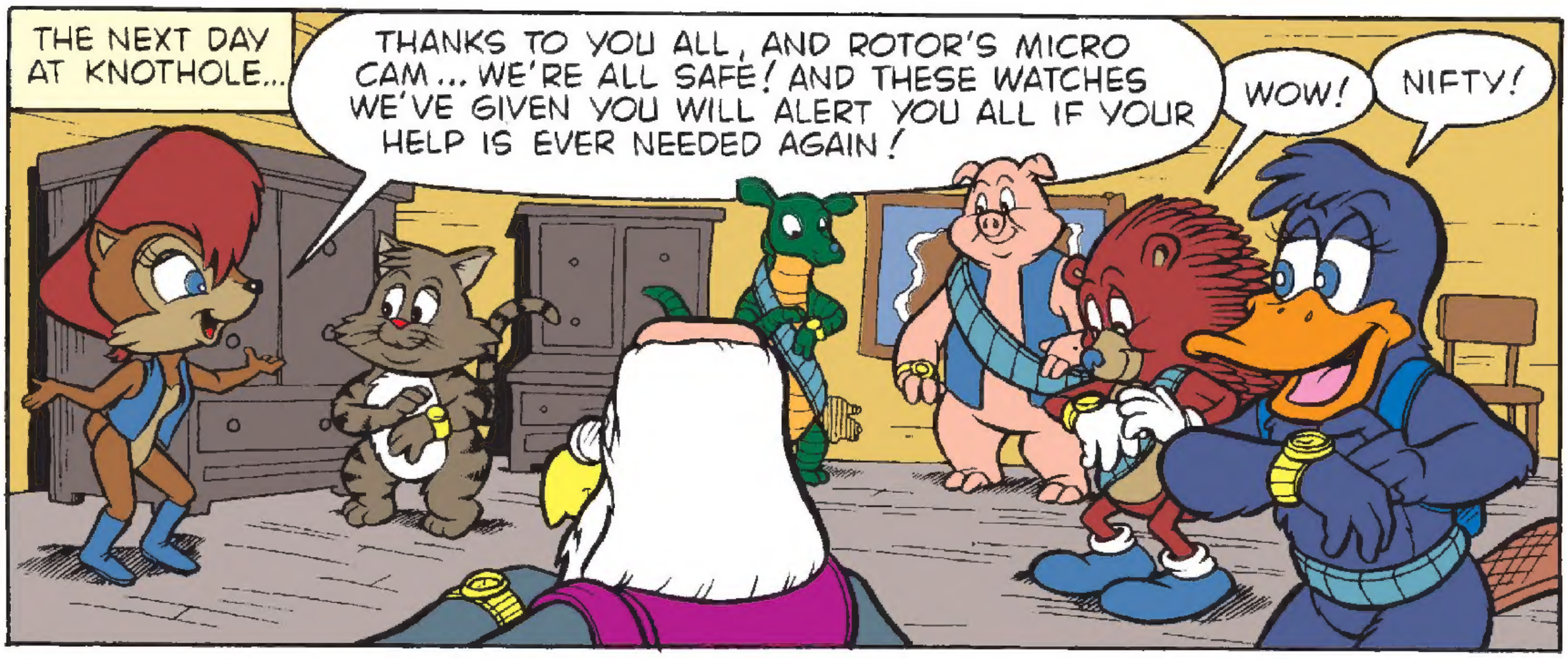
A FEW MINUTES LATER
HEY, LOOK! IT'S SONIC!
THAT TEARS IT! NOW I INTEND TO GET REALLY MEAN!
STOP IN YOUR TRACKS, YOU INSIPID HEDGEHOG--
AND THAT ROBOTNIK!

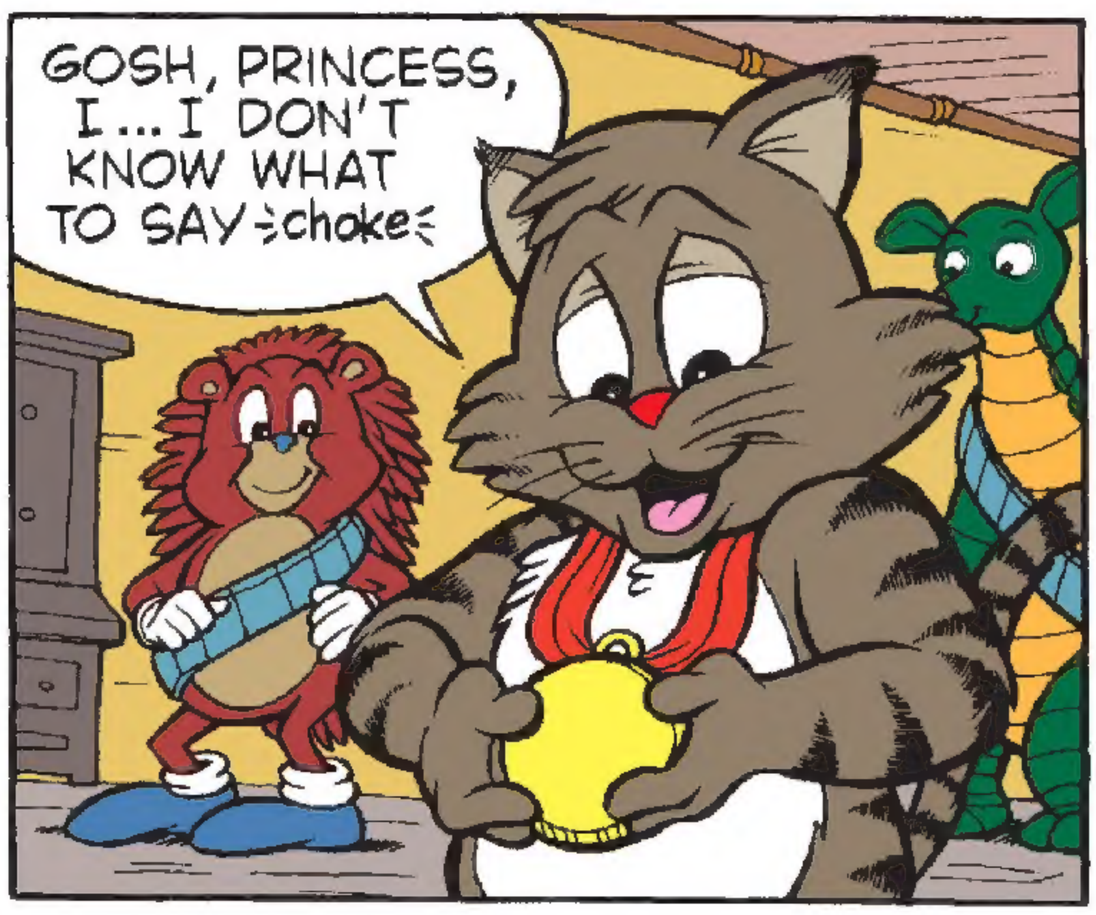
HE'LL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF FOR NOW! THE OTHERS ARE RIGHT UP AHEAD! LET'S GO!

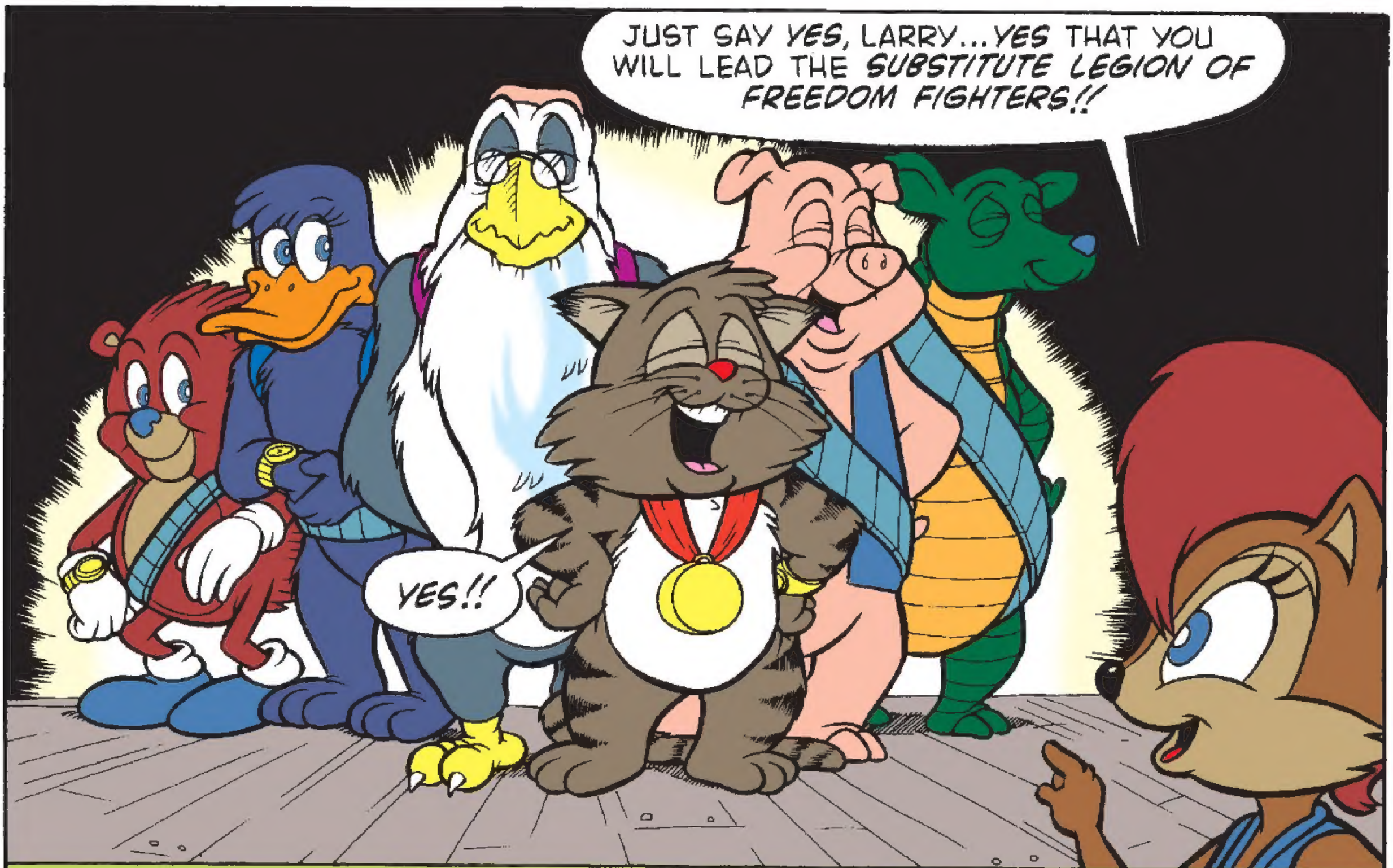

ZRAAPPT!
ZZZZ
ZZZT


AFTER THE BATTLE HAS BEEN WAGED AND WON...
HUH?! L--LARRY? DYLAN?
NO TIME TO EXPLAIN NOW, PRINCESS--


--LET'S FIND SONIC AND MOVE IT OUT!







WILL WE SEE THE LEGION AGAIN? TIME (AND YOU, THE FANS) WILL TELL!

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